Spring field
Feb. 26. 1885.

Mr. Walter Deane.

Dear Sir,

I wish I had never found Woodwardia angustifolia in Nantucket, it would be such a pleasure to learn of so noble an addition to its flora. But if I must tell the disappointing truth, this Woodwardia is almost our commonest fern; Pteris aquilina grows _perhaps_ more abundantly, ~~on~~ though I don't feel sure of it. I wonder if Miss Parsons found it on the 'Sconset road opposite the sixth mile stone; there it grows in such luxuriance that the only trouble is to find fronds _small_ enough to press, — the _roots_ can by no ingenuity be reduced to herbarium size. When I first found that delightful locality

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my emotion would have entirely overcome me, if my companion had not, with great presence of mind, flung his hat high into the air to assist me in my expression. That happened to be in August, 1879, but I had seen the plant before that, and so had Mr. Dame of Medford.

I suppose you write to me, because I furnished a list of the plants of the island (sadly imperfect at that time) for Mr. Godfrey's Guide-book, but if this fern is not in the list, it is a strange error of the printer's, and a great oversight in the proof reader. It is in my original written list which I still have, but the Guide book is not at hand just now.

Now can't Miss Parsons hunt up Schizaea pusilla when she goes to Nantucket again? Many a botanist, familiar with the New Jersey localities, sees that our island is just the place to expect it. So wishing her that feather in her cap,

I remain

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

plants on the island, known by only one representative each, one might not see at first how this little thing can be scarcer, but it is; they are in their places every year and all through the year — fixed stars; this is comet-like, unexpected in its coming, visible for a short time, and then absent for years.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield

Mar. 3. 1885.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send with pleasure by this same mail specimens of Wood. ang. — not very nice because immature; but it is a late fern, and I go to Nant. and leave too early to get it in perfection. I don't care for anything in return as I have no herbarium of my own; I collect a few rarities when I am on the island only to give away, and that pleasure is its own reward. Still if you want to do something for me, you might ask Judge Churchill if he found anything new last July, sedges or grasses particularly. His love of the sedges may account for his not noticing this fern and indeed it is not conspicuous anywhere, but it is common. It grows at Bloomingdale for some distance, and on both sides of the road; at Wauwinet where Hibiscus Moscheutos grows, in several places between Eatfire and Wauwinet on the road and off from it; there is a fine patch by a bridge, on the road to Polpis, and another between 'Sconset and Sancoty, a plenty of it all along Love Lane, and there is that place opposite the sixth mile stone, besides other places where I think I have seen it but made no note of it in my mind. I compared it as to abundance with Pteris aquilina a little doubtfully, as I have paid too little attention to that common fern, not minding whether it was present or absent. I shall observe it more carefully when I am on the island again, for I think I may find var. caudata there.

Your postal card was all right, but do I detect in your explanation a gentle reproof of the levity of my reply? What could one say? I sympathized with Miss Parsons if she thought she had found something new, and had got to be disappointed, and so I thought I must amuse her a little. But I was quite in earnest about the Schizæa; nothing that grows in New Jersey can astonish me in Nantucket.

Then we botanists are such an amiable class there is never any danger of offence when none is intended, and when our fair science is the theme.

Mr. Dame has not sent me your list yet, but he will some time. I am not at work on my catalogue now but hope to take hold of it later in the spring. I mean for it to be a guide for strangers botanizing on the island. For instance, when you were at Gibbs's Pond you would have been glad to know that Utricularia subulata, L. had been found on the sandy beach close to the water's edge. This is our very scarcest plant, although its variety cleistogama is abundant in three other localities. When there are several found it on his first visit. I am sorry that I am out of Hypericum adpressum and Ascyrum Crux-Andreae; visiting botanists are always pleased to find Stachys hyssopifolia and Baccharis halimifolia, but Mr. Churchill collected them so they may not be unknown to you.

I send two specimens of U. clandestina; the one with the name at the top is for you, the other for Mr. Churchill if he would like it. The full and good specimen of Corema is for you, the imperfect one (no pistillate flowers) for Mr. Churchill; but he had better not mount it yet; I will try to get some more next May and send him a good specimen. You will know the Erythraea spicata, Pers. but I send no ticket, for I want no credit for such miserable things. I always give away the best I have and I am heartily sorry that I can give you only the poor remains of what has been an excellent collection. The Spiranthes & Drosera are good however, the Kalmia is a peculiar form from

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Springfield
Mar. 7. 1885.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am extremely pleased with the list that you sent me; Mr. Dame will no doubt give it to me in time, but I am very glad to have it now. Let me comment upon it. Trifolium procumbens — I found what I am very sure was var. minus in the Milton region. Coronilla varia, I should like to see; I am not sure that I know it. Where was it? Epilobium hirsutum is also an introduced and escaped plant — brought in within my memory. Opuntia vulgaris — they say it is all O. Rafinesquii on our coast, but I know better, and so do you, it seems. But why did you not see the latter also? they grow together. Where did you find Mertensia maritima? I know three localities, and hope you can report another. And where — where, does Onosmodium Virginianum, DC. grow? In Dr. Hitchcock's Catalogue of the Plants of Mass. he puts this plant ~~name~~ — O. hispidum, Mx. is what he calls it, and credits it to Nantucket. That list was published in 1833, and from that day to this as far as I know, you & Mr. Churchill are the only human beings who have seen it. Dr. H. says Ceratophyllum demersum, L. grows there, but it has not been reported since. I have been on the lookout for years, for Tillaea simplex, Nutt. which Mr. Oakes found ~~there~~ in Nantucket; I have sought it in vain, but hope that you may yet find them both. I am glad that you report Typha Angustifolia; I thought it must grow there, but I don't go into cat-tail swamps myself. I am going to send you Utricularia clandestina, Nutt.; there are ditches in Polpis that I have seen full of it, from the surface to the bottom of the water, and for as many rods up and down their course as I had time to examine, but I have seen the flowers with the yellow corolla only once, and those a man brought to me from the softest and most dangerous bog that I ever came upon. Men can certainly collect things that are beyond a woman's reach.

My list is very weak in grasses and sedges, and I shall be very much obliged for specimens of any of the smaller ones that you can spare. I don't care for Cal. Canadensis, Sp. cynosuroides, Sp. stricta, var. alterniflora, Holcus lanatus, Danthonia spicata and Agrostis alba. I shall be very glad to see Festuca Myurus, L. which you discovered yourself, as I saw in the Bot. Gazette of last August. What is the locality where it is so abundant?

You need not try to get Mr. Churchill's former list; he kindly sent it to me in 1881.

I will send you the nicest things I have on hand now, but my stock is low, I find, and worse than that, the specimens are poor — that is, some of them are. I advise you not to mount Erythraea spicata; these are the Eatfire specimens, and Pocomo is the place to get the plant in perfection. Mr. Churchill a bush that has always flowered in this way. Dr. Gray mentions it in the Am. Naturalist of August, 1870. I send the seedlings of the Floating Heart — have never met any one who had noticed them or could tell me anything of the development of the cluster of spurs on the petioles. I hope there may be something amongst them all that will be of some use to you. Is not there anything in this part of the State that you would like? Our region is very rich in ferns. But whether it is ferns or something else that you would like I should be very glad to send it to you now or try to get it for you in its season.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

P.S. I ticket my Sabbatia S. gracilis. Mr. Churchill called it in his list S. stellaris. Dr. Gray says it is between the two, but in the Syn. Flora, he calls it

S. gracilis and mentions the Nantucket plant as "an ambiguous form".

I ought to have mentioned before that I can add to my Catalogue about ten new names from your list for which I shall with pleasure give you due credit.

M. L. O.

I have a few specimens of Aristida basiramea, Engelm. described in the Bot. Gazette of last May, given to me in the summer by the discoverer, Mr. Warren Upham of Minneapolis. If you have none I will share with you.

M. L. O.

Springfield
Mar-11-1885

I must have written obscurely about Mr. C.'s Sabbatia. What I meant to say was that the plant I was sending you as S. gracilis was really the same that Mr. C. called S. stellaris. I have his list before me now, but the date is Dec.-1-1881, which was before you got Dr. Gray's decision. If he went to Nantucket again in 1883, I should be much pleased to know what he found then - there were five new things in the list of '81. You and he, are the only people who give me any help in the rushes, sedges and grasses.

M. L. Owen.

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By Mrs. Mary L. Owen

BOSTON EVENING
TRANSCRIPT,
FRIDAY,
MARCH 27, 1885.

HOW TO ACCENT "ARBUTUS."

To the Editor of the Transcript: Now that our Plymouth friends are sending us the Mayflower with their spring greetings, let us see what a few American poets have said about it under its other name of arbutus. No, let us *hear* what they say, and listen with a purpose—

"A year ago, in the sweet spring weather,
We sought the trailing arbutus together."
[M. E. Sangster.

"Whisper on, glad girls and boys;
Sealed the fragrant rosy wells;
You and spring are safe alike—
Never the arbutus tells!"
[H. H.

"But fairer than all flowers,
First-born of sun and showers,
Is the arbutus, jewel of the spring."
[C. H. Burleigh.

"The wild arbutus, flushed with haste,
Trails close, to make appeal."
[Lucy Larcom.

I could give a dozen more examples, but the sound for which we are listening would be the same in all.

Now let us hear some English poets. The plant that they mean is a large shrub, but it is the name only that we are concerned with:

——"Over which you saw
The irregular line of elms by the deep lane
Which stopped the grounds and dammed the overflow
Of arbutus and laurel."
[E. B. Browning.

"Glowing bright,
Beneath, the various foliage wildly spreads
The arbutus, and rears his scarlet fruit."
[Cowper.

And finally, O Transcript! representative of classic Boston, listen to Virgil:

Mænalcas speaks—

"Dulce satis humor, depulsis arbutus hædis."

and "ar'butus" is what he said. Now why, O Transcript! do so many Americans thus fly in the face of Rome and England and the dictionaries? Webster gave arbu'tus in the early editions, but by 1873 had learned better and changed to ar'butus. It is not all Americans who are thus careless of their accent; there are some who would no more say "arbu'tus" than they would talk of "laylocs" and "pinies." May their tribe increase!

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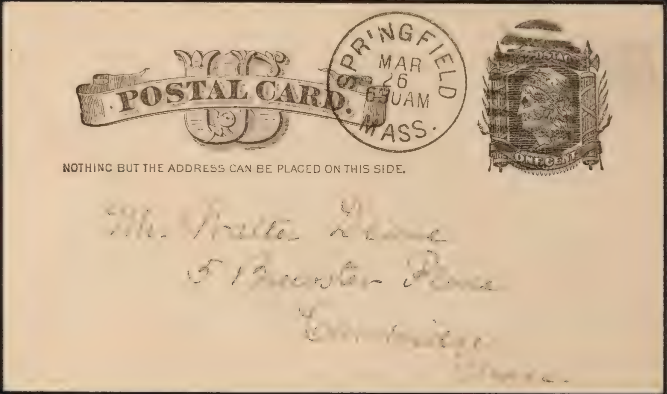

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Mr. Walter Deane
5 Brewster Place
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Springfield
Apr. 12. 1885.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have returned by this mail the "Contributions" of Dr. Gray. What would it you like Mr. Watson's "Contributions" containing the Roses &c? I am but an amateur botanist and you might accept of a copy & take advantage than [illegible] leaving it with me. Don't hesitate to express your wishes, and whatever [illegible] to this or other will be a suitable return for the few plants I have sent you. I feel much more indebted to you already. I would not give you the claim I had to send you for a new name to add to my catalogue, and you have given me many. Then although I said that I did not want plants in exchange when I found those handsome grasses & sedges you had I changed my mind, and I value much those that you have sent me.

I have read Dr. Gray's "Memoirs" [illegible]

Geo. [illegible] with interest, and for that and the other pamphlets I thank you very much.

The Mrs. [illegible] that you speak of in Maine was undoubtedly the collector of the Scolopendrium. She has moved away from Syracuse now and Mrs. [illegible] the dis[illegible] of the [illegible] wrote to me that she thought she was living in [illegible]. Our Scolopendrium does not seem to reach the size of the English; I have seen no specimens much larger than those I sent you.

I enclose a label for the [illegible] that I sent you for the Lycopodium; I meant to look at the specimens that I had in our Society Herbarium first.

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My dear Mr. [illegible],

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M. L. C.

dred volumes of history. Kossuth, when I entered, was standing at his writing desk. I could scarcely believe that the man was 83 years of age. He stood as upright as a dart. His eye glanced round the room like that of an eagle. His hair is white, and his beard and moustache are nearly white, but they are not whiter than those of most men at 60; and when we had interchanged salutations and I had asked after his health, he told me that he was at present not as well as usual, but added, with all his old fire: "I wish I were now climbing up Mont Blanc or any of the higher Alps as some years ago; but I am unequal now to the task." And here he expanded—or as the French would say, gonfla—his chest. "You know I am a keen botanist, and like to gather rare plants. I have always had a great passion for flowers." [Life (London).

6 By Mrs M. L. Owen.
BOSTON

EVENING TRANSCRIPT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1885.

THE AR'BUTUS QUESTION.

To the Editor of the Transcript: As some people are telling me that Worcester says arbu'tus, I would like a little space for a rejoinder. Worcester does accent the second syllable, but in doing so he convicts himself of ignorance, which is culpable in one who assumes to lead. In his dictionary he distinguishes foreign words by putting them in italics, and he gives "arbutus" thus, not recognizing it as English at all. But in Latin there can be no question whatever; the poets of the Augustan age, to speak of no others, show plainly that the accent is on the first syllable. In Europe the pronunciation has come down right by unbroken tradition, while in this country there was but little occasion to use the word for more than two hundred years after the arrival on our coast of that other "Mayflower" of great renown. It is only for twenty-five years or so that its little namesake by the name of "arbutus" has been one of fashion's favorites, and we New Englanders, ignorant of the right way of pronouncing the word, have hit upon the wrong one. But, to a critical ear, what is more detestable than a false accent? What sounds more ignorant? And so I hope for your powerful aid once more in trying to correct so mortifying an error. O.

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Nantucket
Oct. 19. 1885.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have collected a few asters which I will send by this same mail. As it is a month later than when you were here, you may not have seen them. What I want is for you to name them for me — nothing difficult about them, but I cannot find the fifteen minutes that would be sufficient for the work —

cannot find it here, and
when I go home —— !!!
I am inquiring about the
baths and shall be able
to report soon. I have them
in a [illegible] of E. [illegible]
and also of E. [illegible].

Yours in great haste
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield Oct. 11. 1885.

It [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] L. C. Smith [illegible]
the Ranunculus in the [illegible]. Mr. Roberts [illegible]
the [illegible] in [illegible]olis – he called them R. Flammula,
var. [illegible]. I had seen a similar plant [illegible] growing
[illegible]. But in Mr. Upham's Catalogue of the Flora of Win-
chester [illegible] Roberts contributes R. Flammula, which the
"Manual says is not found in this County. Then reptans
is also mentioned as found by Mr. Roberts & others – [illegible] of the
[illegible], yet no intermediates mentioned. Dr. Chapin [illegible]
[illegible] of the plants carefully, found them not "varying at all two
[illegible]" so we [illegible] as [illegible]. – L. O. –

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Yours very truly

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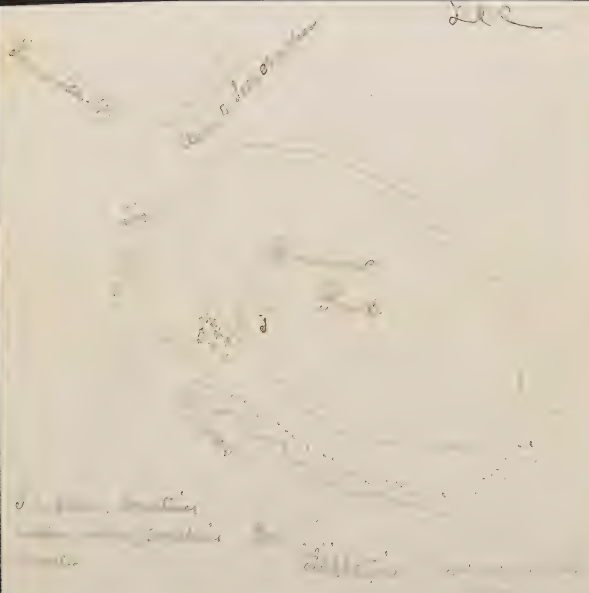

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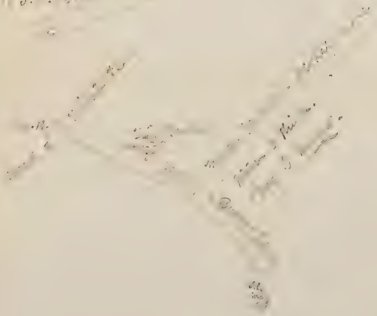

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~~C/o A. E. Philbrook~~

Brewster Place
Cambridge
Mass

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Yours very truly

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now three prairies in plan-
tations like mats, also Aspl. Ruta-
muraria, Aspl. angustifolium, Camp-
tosorus and Bot. simplex. Of this
last, two of my friends who were
on the mountain in July, counted
800 specimens on a narrow strip
of ground a few rods long. They found
there one hundred specimens or more.
We know the controversy about this
fern, and we have Davenport's mono-
graph & Eaton's Ferns of the U. S. We
have studied & compared with au-
thentic Eur. specimens and examined
spores with the compound microscope.
After all this, we declare that [illegible]
what they shall be to us till somebody
who knows more than we pronounces
to the contrary. If they turn out matri-
cariaefolium (some of them) that will
add one of the [illegible] ferns to [illegible]
list. We also find ten or twelve
[illegible] varieties, of one form and another.

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[illegible], Mass.
Aug. 22. [illegible]

My dear Mr. Deane,

I sent you that 'package of
[illegible]' a few [illegible] weeks
I tried also and have [illegible]
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[illegible] though I wholly failed my
intentions were good. That is the
logic of it more exactly. [illegible]
[illegible] the names of many of
them. I know them all except of
the Carices and I am not study-
ing that order; besides I kept spe-
cimens of very few of the whole
collection. There were only two of all
that I sent you that I thought worth
mounting — the [illegible], and
that for its rarity more than for
the goodness of the specimen, and
Aira caryophyllea. [illegible]

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I have Dr. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and he gives no description
of [illegible] [illegible]nella. [illegible]
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I [illegible] the [illegible] was [illegible]folia. [illegible] this was [illegible] [illegible] I have [illegible] [illegible] Dr. [illegible] description in mind, and when I [illegible] it it looked very different from what I expected, especially in the [illegible], on which he lays [illegible] stress. There were no flowers [illegible] I must have found them in fruiting leaves.

I [illegible] that I put the wrong [illegible] to the [illegible] that I sent; [illegible] S. Walteri & S. [illegible]folia both marked in Manual, as found in N. J.

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[illegible] them [illegible].

[illegible] turn to something pleasanter. And what is pleasanter than "fern [illegible]"? I rejoice that you and your wife have had the [illegible]. And I am glad [illegible] made so fine a collection at Willoughby. [illegible] me "[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]" that all botanists (of this neighborhood) [illegible] Mt. Toby, in the towns of Sunderland and Leverett. We find there every fern that grows in this State except the two Woodwardias, and Botrychium matricariaefolium and B. [illegible]. Perhaps I should except also Lyg. scandens, but that grows near. We collect [illegible] species there, and amongst them all that you mention except Woodsia glabella and Aspid. acul. var. Braunii. Both Pellaeas

Since it is [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] in preparing a local catalogue besides giving a list of Nomen- [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] Island [illegible] [illegible] well. I am sure it would help me if you and Mr. Churchill would notice the common plants & see whether they are more or less abundant than might be expected in similar localities. I don't suppose you expect any, bear the request up in mind, & tell me if it [illegible] you. Your fern [illegible] — it is an interesting fact if Angustifolia is the only species, or if it is very much more common than the other. I hope you will see all the Woodwardia Angustifolia that you want to. It is really so common that I cannot think of any wet place where I have not seen it — perhaps that is too broad a assertion, but it is so common that I should not pay much attention to it anywhere.

Wishing you & Mrs. Deane continued health & pleasure
I am very truly M. L. Owen

[illegible] a [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]. & [illegible] to [illegible] all [illegible] field [illegible] very easily [illegible] upon it in the [illegible] up in the morning and coming back at night?

But in our botanical society we have been studying grasses this season. We have had over sixty species in so far. I shall [illegible] collect "Vilfa" virginica for you. It is very abundant here, but I have not usually found it well developed before September. Does Eleusine Indica grow in your region? I found a patch of it a week or two ago.

I am glad you are going to Nantucket. I don't see how I can get there myself; I am collecting [illegible] at intervals from now through September and October.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to many of Plan-
tago Rugelii from these, and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] it with P.
major. As P. Rugelii is our native
species while P. major is introduced
it is important to know how
abundant they both are — if both.
I hope you know them at a glance
as I do — but if you do not
why not practice a little and
[illegible] yourself in training up these
in the [illegible]? Let me give you
the points in case you have not
the [illegible] Flora by you.

P. major	P. Rugelii
Spike dense, obtuse at apex.	Sp. long & thin, attenuate at apex.
Exterior sepal & bract more or less carinate.	All the sepals & bract acutely carinate.
Ovules 8–18; seeds fewer, minutely reticulated.	Ovules 6–10; seeds 4–9, not reticulated.
Capsule circumscissile near the middle, and near the level of the summit of the sepals.	Caps. circumsc. much below the middle. Capsules erect in the spike. Spike often a foot or more long.
	Leaves paler than in P. major.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you know all this,
and then I have taken unnecessary
pains in going over these particulars,
but as there is a small chance that
you may have been as much
troubled as I have in distinguishing
the plants, and I want the
information very much, I ask whatever I can to help you get it for
me.

I have had Panicum glabrum
reported in more than one list
of Nantucket grasses I think, but
I have never seen any Panicum
there that looks like our P. glabrum.
I found a grass in abundance
last September west of the Town,
that seemed half way between
glabrum & sanguinale. Dr. Vasey
said it was glabrum without
doubt. I will enclose a fair
specimen of the grass as it grows
with us — a slender little thing,
while in N. it is stout.

I thought that [illegible] the first discoverer of this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], but I have had no time to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] going to Cali[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible], for I [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] friends, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I shall be [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], for I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I go [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], but I feel quite undecided about that. I [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible]"

[illegible]

[illegible]

William [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

P.S. The Ceratophyllum leaves are said to be "1' wide" in the later ed. of his Manual. We found no such leaves, so looked in the 1st ed. and found the width given "1"." The true width of our specimens was between the two.

M. L.

[illegible] Aug. 1885

My dear Mr. [illegible],

There is not much to add to the story of this summer except to announce the [illegible] question — [illegible] all about it [illegible] in to this vacation. I suppose I mentioned that I got it at Lake Mohonk. This is away up on the Shawangunk Mts. in Ulster Co. N.Y. This was given me by Mr. [illegible], to a height of [illegible] feet [illegible] the sea. I [illegible] in my "[illegible]", for I saw many [illegible] that [illegible] of [illegible], and which I am [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] me a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from "[illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] back to see the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] in the principal, of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] the [illegible] in "[illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] "[illegible]" for "[illegible]" in that [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible], with the idea of his being in [illegible] [illegible] I think [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] — I [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I have heard of your new house, [illegible] all they are just as [illegible] as it [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible] you shall see for yourself, and I guess it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] you [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in a [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]? She is going to [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible], and I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the "[illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] Painting [illegible] the [illegible] "The Peri" [illegible] two years [illegible]

[illegible] I [illegible] for the [illegible] I [illegible] though I [illegible]. I have [illegible] (See [illegible])

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[illegible] of [illegible] from [illegible] all the two days in the [illegible] [illegible], and then, although [illegible] [illegible] all the morning with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the same [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the other day, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] When [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Louisiana [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Bennett, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Philadelphia [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

Spring [illegible]
[illegible] 1885-

I have heard near the [illegible] of the N. J. Trip. of [illegible] if anything there are many to find and might any look at the [illegible] in the course of the present week, and you shall share the spoil if any. I am so grieved for that good man. Why did it not go North instead of South? The [illegible] the flora in the Hudson's Bay region is something wonderful. [illegible] [illegible]

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Dear [illegible]

[illegible] Dr. [illegible]

[illegible]

"[illegible]" [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] at once [illegible].

I leave here Wednesday next week, and [illegible] in a few days in Orange Co.

c/o C. Jerome Hill, Esq. [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours very truly

[illegible] L. [illegible]

plenty, and various collections
have already, 47 — 35 per cent!
And yet I am not content!
More, more, is still my cry—
But of these things we will confer
in Boston, and I will let you know
in good season whether I can
keep to the date already mentioned.

Yours very truly
Marie L. Owen—

Springfield
Mass. [illegible]

My dear Mr. Newell,

I have now [illegible] from letters, lists & other memoranda, all the [illegible] names for the [illegible] [illegible] I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I think over 500; 147 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], ([illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]), [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] family ([illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]) I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] written, and if some that I [illegible] more information arrives; I will bring them to Boston and hand them to you.

[illegible]

Mr. E. A. [illegible]

[illegible] even the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

last August

Collection [illegible]

[illegible]

25 Lambert Ave -
Roxbury Apr. 15 - 1886.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I mean to be at the Horticultural next Saturday as planned. At what time will you be there? Any hour will suit me. Yours very truly

M. L. Owen

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Mr. Walter Deane
5 Brewster Place
Cambridge
Mass.

Evening Post
May 27. 1886

Dear Mr. Pease

I am much obliged for the copy of your Mr. [illegible] article with its "one bunch" corrected. Such errors are vexatious. Have all been in "Arcadia" too? — But you need not care for this, all the [illegible] readers would know as well what you wrote, and the [illegible] reader's oversight would only give them a pleasant bit of fun.

Mr. [illegible] writes to me that he is going to [illegible] in June; I guess I can [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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My dear Mr. [illegible],

I suppose you will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] catalogue [illegible]

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[illegible] catalogue [illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]

Yours very truly

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The botanical society were hospitably entertained yesterday afternoon by Miss Booth at her Longmeadow home, the attendance being larger than usual. The society were occupied with analyzing sedges and other specimens. They are to be presented with a full set of sedges by Prof Bailey of Michigan.

!

[illegible] discovery [illegible]

[illegible]

Solomon Stebbins of the city library goes to-day, with Mrs Stebbins, for a two-weeks' stay at Mount Mansfield, the most noble hight of the Green mountains in Vermont. When it is said that at least six species of fern that do not grow in this part of the country are found on Mansfield, his friends will know that Mr Stebbins is going to have a delightful vacation.

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I have come to a stand-still about Mr. Murray. I can do but little myself to make his path to the island straight and easy — Mrs. Starbuck is the person through whom I must work and the last I heard from her one of her daughters was *very* sick and a sweet little grandchild had scarlet fever. That was the 10th of this month, and though I have written to her since, it was no time to lay any botanical schemes before her.

I left that other sheet of paper because it was nothing less than horrid — it acted as though it had been finished off with oil.

But talking of horrid things — that article in the December Bulletin by O. R. Willis on the

Nantucket Calluna & Erica was about as provoking & mis-chievous a thing as I ever read. A little truth but much more error — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], the [illegible] pamphlet says. [illegible] [illegible] has been the instigation of the [illegible] upon [illegible] matters. [illegible] Pearson — well, of the [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] of a truthful woman. I [illegible]

[illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]. I should like to have your opinion of them. The Artemisia we can hardly expect to prove *borealis*. *Naias flexilis* has never been reported before, but I don't feel sure that this is the plant. *Carex stellulata*, var. *scirpoides*, if correct will be new, & well *Desmodium Dillenii*.

I work on the Catalogue almost every day now and think I shall have it ready for criticism and inspection before the winter is over.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

no botanist is in

[illegible]

[illegible] Place
Nov. [illegible]

My dear Mr. Pearce,

In my last letter to you I omitted [illegible] the [illegible] decision. I think some one interested in the catalogue will be very likely to write him [illegible] them. There is no [illegible] living in the island [illegible] and I have no relations there, so I [illegible] them with confidence; [illegible] Mr. [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] in the way a favorable answer, if only a [illegible] one.

A letter today from Mr. [illegible]

[illegible] for the [illegible] from the [illegible] He has [illegible] and [illegible] discoveries of [illegible] the [illegible] and the catalogue [illegible] I hope he is as well and strong [illegible] time.

Yours very truly
[illegible] L. [illegible]

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England [illegible]
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I [illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible]

I am [illegible] for the Catalogue [illegible], and [illegible] a letter of Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Jul. 15. 1880. "Mr. Emerson [illegible] [illegible]. Please communicate [illegible] [illegible] Mr. Emerson [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], I [illegible]

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[illegible] 7. 18[illegible].

Dear Mr. Deane,

I feel so much encouraged by the way you take my suggestion that I mean to go on & see what can be done. I must write to Nantucket — probably three letters — & get the replies — then I will write to Mr. Morong myself, then I shall have to send the letter through you. I shall do it as soon as possible so that if he comes in to the arrangement he may have the pleasant thought — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for a long time. The months between now & next June are & will be brightened by the anticipation of a journey to Asheville, N.C. that I am going to make with two dear friends, one my firm botanical ally, Miss Freeman, so I wonder how it will be with Mr. Morong. Then he must know early enough to make the [illegible] then might survive.

If [illegible] is now the summer time this
in a private family in a public house in the
island? If this is possible it would be
[illegible] very cordially. I know of a young
Cambridge student who made the [illegible] a
few years ago — a friend of the [illegible]
Mr Greenleaf — he was the guest of his
[illegible] by his friends & relatives [illegible] —
he was singing as he went up & down stairs
before he had been in the house half an hour.
Any botanist would be delighted to have a
visit from a man who could bring and
name flowers every night and tell about
them — but there is not a single botanist
on the island.

Keep these plants all together, or
[illegible] farther than [illegible]
[illegible], till the time of
[illegible] comes, which will be [illegible]
before the new [illegible] coming in.

I have been [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]. Everything [illegible] came into my mind [illegible]

all — Why should we not have anything from Plymouth & Rhode Island here? Then my covetous eyes roam over the new genus line array, and I wonder if it is one of these Aster, Goldenrod or Eupatorium, but I fancy from the wording of your statement that the Genus would be new to our Catalogue so I guess Bigelovia or [illegible] would be just as likely but you & Mr. Churchill would be sure of that right off. and I should have seen the news in the "Bulletin" by this time -

I have been looking over my Collection a little within a few days and have taken out what Dr. Evans desired. I know you wanted Hemicarpha subsquarrosa and Juncus pelocarpus; I see the latter is called by Mr. [Dr.?] Britton [illegible], Rttf. Do you remember anything else that I was to send you? Bot-[illegible] with the root? Was there one of the [illegible] missed? I haven't any of my own, but Dr. Chapin would send you a piece if he had one to spare.

In the same preliminary list E. erythrorhizos in [illegible] & Lawrence Mass. and [illegible] — the only places in N. England, this

It is abundant ~~at~~ far above the mouth of the Agawam River. Dr. Swan has collected it, & Mr. Faxon gave me specimens from the northwestern part of the State, but not from Lawrence if I remember. The plant is probably more common in N. E. than yet known.

Don't take the least trouble about that Eragrostis. It is the American Herbarium that really ought to supply us with a specimen, as they put the name into their Catalogue, but the specimen we actually have from an American man is E. Purshii.

Don't hurry to answer this. I know how busy you are all the time and that what leisure you have does not come till the end of the week. I am glad Mr. Churchill is on his feet — may this first sickness of his be the last for many & many a year!

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

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Miss Nellie [illegible]
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Springfield
Sept. 10. 1875.

I am pleased to have my opinion confirmed –
One more plant for the Catalogue. And a
grand lot; I never thought there would be any
in that order
Pleasures here, for [illegible], after such grand & edge
Collection as "yours" & Mrs. B. & Mr. [illegible]. I call this
[illegible] [illegible] because [illegible] did not know what [illegible]
[illegible] found – she will have the credit of it however
in the Catalogue. [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] little
[illegible] [illegible] pretty? [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the
others – [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]

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Mr. Willie Dame
8 Brighton Place
Cambridge,
Mass.

I and [illegible] Rubus [illegible] of the [illegible],
[illegible] which I had never
seen growing wild [illegible]
in flower and many old [illegible].
The Zizania is well
[illegible] established in the Connecticut
and was in full flower [illegible]
there [illegible].

All these things made me think of
the undiscovered treasures in the [illegible]
county. If Mr. Fowler would just [illegible]
[illegible] to help the cause of botany and [illegible]
[illegible]. I should advise him to get
a safe little row boat, mount it on
wheels, [illegible] a good horse ahead as its
locomotive and then [illegible] the creeks [illegible]
[illegible] after another till all were ex-
plored. How little [illegible] people know what
to do with their money.

Mr. Dame has made some fine additions this
summer, and I think since Mr. [illegible] was
on the island. Yours with kind regards
M. L. Owen

P.S. [illegible]

I will send you with this a
few specimens of a Cyperus [illegible] I
[illegible] is C. [illegible]. I found
it on the sandy shore of the [illegible]
River. [illegible] I never [illegible]
If it proves to be what I call it, [illegible]
If my [illegible] will [illegible] specimens,
I will you please to tell me if
[illegible] little grass, the [illegible]
plants of the [illegible]
[illegible] plants [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] plants [illegible]. Then I [illegible]
[illegible] grasses, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for myself.

All I want is enough to keep the stand in
mind, and the top—the panicle & a few leaves—is generally enough.
There is but one white grasses [illegible]
[illegible] ? I found a [illegible] in
[illegible] last month. Dr. [illegible] [illegible]
& exchanged with me after the
collecting season is over and I [illegible]
on things just ripe.

I will send you a grass from
[illegible] that seems to be Panicum
[illegible] or agrostoides, and is more in
look like the latter in this late grow-
stage. It was found on the edge of
[illegible] Pond — if you so please
look for it, if you are [illegible]
[illegible]. The lady who brought it said
she had been on the hill where the
old burying ground is — the very old

one of the first settlers, now a pine
[illegible] now, I believe — and went down
to the pond from there and gathered
the grass on the [illegible] — the east side
[illegible] north and I [illegible]

I will put a Potamogeton into
this letter for a name, and another
little [illegible], hoping that you may
know it although it be neither fruit
nor flower, unless some obscure little
objects at the joints near the top &
at the very top are such.

I have been at home all summer,
busy & contented. The row on the
two months of the Agawam River is
the only botanical excursion I have
made. That was very successful—
I found Hemicarpha & Cyperus
inflexus growing together by the
[illegible] [illegible]; in the deep water
several Potamogetons, but not this the

Springfield
July 8. 1886.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I return Mr. Churchill's interesting letter with many thanks. What good "finds" he reports — [illegible] [illegible] & Potam. ~~[illegible]~~ pulcher especially. I also send you in return a letter from Mr. Redfield also very interesting. When you & Mr. Churchill have read it, please send it to Mrs. L. L. Dame

Morningdale
Fearsomer
Nantucket
Mass.

"Morningdale" is [illegible] [illegible] but it [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] to put it on.

[illegible] [illegible] sent him mountain plants to our [illegible] [illegible] last week, amongst them three Carices that I called C. aurea C. [illegible] & C. canescens, var. vitilis. I work out all the Carices that I get this year, and do my very best on them of course, but it is for practice mostly — I don't feel sure of my results. This year I know I can [illegible] in those with more [illegible]. Notwithstanding all [illegible] my wish to be more [illegible] communicative. Your friend was a better naturalist than I could manage anything [illegible] for as you know it is [illegible] and [illegible] from the [illegible] -

× × × × × × ×

I continue in [illegible] divisions, but in [illegible] very different from the [illegible] of [illegible] specimens that I collected in [illegible].

I must hasten to a close for I have three more "botanical" letters to write besides one to my champion.

Your very Frd

Charles [illegible].

Springfield Aug. 1 887.

Please tell me where it is found in your mind, if you didn't find *Carex umbellata*, *Schk.* in Flushing during your late visit. I generally hear such things as they tell at once but I find no record of this. I think you said that the plants were too few to make a good specimen, but that you have it in your herb., and were sure of it. Also I wish Mr. Morong would say to me that the grass which he thought at first might be *Poa alsodes* is only a small specimen of *Poa serotina*. It is the one I sent you.

Yours truly [illegible]

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Mr. Noah Deane
Montague
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Springfield
July 23. 1887.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am sorry to say that I see next to no inducement for you to go to Mt. Toby from Dr. Chapin. I saw him a few minutes yesterday, and he seemed rather more hurried than usual — this hot rainy weather is probably bringing in new cases — But however there may be he said that he did not see how he could get away, although he would like to meet you and he is very fond of Mt. Toby. Then on the Montague side of the mountain, he could not think of anything that you would be likely to find new to your [illegible]

like your opinion and Judge Churchill's. — Wishing you all a *very* pleasant time

I am
Yours very truly,
Maria L. Owen

Asplenium angustifolium and
I could not tell you where I saw
it for that. I was much disappointed
to see no more ferns than there but
the days it is hard to climb one
side of a mountain. On the other
side Pellaea gracilis may be
found in great abundance where
it does grow. Asplenium Ruta-muraria
grows near the top, but
that is very scarce. Pellaea atropurpurea
is found there, I am
pretty sure; I never collected it
myself.

As for flowering plants there are
none that we call rare, but there
are doubtless many that do not
grow in the Eastern part of the
State. And amongst the ferns there
is the Walking Fern. You will be pretty
sure to pick up something new.-

I will enclose some of the grass
that I mentioned in my postal
card. I have examined it again
with the same result that Mr. Harvey
reached — that it is as much
like Poa alsodes as anything.-
The uppermost leaf does not reach
the base of the panicle, but the
"Manual" only says that it "often"
does so. The grass dried before I had
time to press it, and for that reason
it does not show how loose & open
the panicle was when fresh. It was
not one-sided as it looks now but
perfectly symmetrical and the
branches stood out at a larger angle
than they do now. I should

[illegible] vulgare is in my list-
has been for one minute. Credited to you.
Mr. M. turned up his nose at the [illegible] also,
— That was before I knew Certainly what
it was — which gave me an opportu-
nity ~~[illegible]~~ to be
slightly "sarcastic". I asked that
Could he expect him — the botanical
heights where he lived, to know about
garden flowers, — I [illegible] with Mr. Deane
who was nearer my plane. He didn't know
my little joke, for he is kind & good as
you had told me. It has been a great
privilege to spend ten days with him I
have learned lots —
he found a Nitella that he
was ~~[illegible]~~
had not seen before on the island in
that small pond by the side of the Sconset
road just opposite 'Flowering [illegible]'. It was
a species worth sending to Dr. Allen.
and there was plenty of it. I found a
grass Tuesday that we think may be
Poa alsodes — if so, new to the Catalogue.
If Dr. Chapin agrees, I shall put it in.
The lady seen out west with her botany
box was Miss Yale. She brought me Utricularia
vulgaris from a new locality. The Indian name
is Wannacomet — of the Washing Pond. Regards
to your wife. Very truly M. L. [illegible]

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Mr. Walter Deane
Care of Mrs. Joseph Russell
Montague
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favor and accommodation that
to be given you.

Yours very truly,
Calvin L. Carter.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I enclose Mr. [illegible]'s [illegible]. You need not return.

I shall hear from [illegible] this week I feel sure, and when I hear I will let you or Mr. [illegible] know as soon, even if it is not as definite as I hope it will be — tolerably definite I mean.

How delightful to see a man of Dr. Gray's age [illegible] as he does, and thinking so little of crossing the ocean and journeying here and there in this country. I hope he will have a pleasant

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[illegible]
Feb. 14. 1887.

Dear Mr. [illegible],

This is in [illegible] answer to your last letter, — only to give you a few more words to [illegible] upon when you are ready.

[illegible] tell me [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]? [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]? We have one [illegible] in our [illegible] Soc. and one each [illegible] of the four [illegible], the President, Dr. Eliot, [illegible] it in [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] & Co.'s [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I am happy to tell you that the Catalogue is in a certain sense finished. The names are all put in and the remarks all [illegible] — the preface is written [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I have seen your [illegible] [illegible] little while ago. I will send [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — I [illegible] you will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] also [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible] also [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] they are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] till I am [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it is a [illegible] thing, [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on it. [illegible] [illegible] all [illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible], I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of them.

Did Judge Churchill tell you that he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]? and that I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] if he was sure of his [illegible] [illegible]?

[illegible] [illegible] of my mind a few [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] thing I made.
[illegible] to see how thoroughly [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] competition [illegible] —
[illegible] to me.

The Committee of the [illegible] of the
[illegible] of other [illegible]
[illegible] Examination [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I hope [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
I have heard nothing from
Mr. [illegible] I wrote to
[illegible]. I guess he is [illegible]
[illegible] — the [illegible]
[illegible] is a good [illegible]. I have
[illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] for
[illegible] — he is a
[illegible] of [illegible],
and I have been [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible].

[illegible] the Catalogue — [illegible]
[illegible] compare with [illegible]
[illegible].

His Catalogue [illegible]
[illegible] Flowering Plants [illegible]
3 Ferns [illegible]
[illegible] 3
0 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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[illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
will and the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] that I have no [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
or the U.S. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is
the [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]

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Thanking you [illegible] [illegible] the place. I [illegible]

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

The citizens of Springfield will have reason to remember long and gratefully their shy and silent townsman, who met his death so suddenly and tragically, in the quiet of his own chamber, last Monday morning. William Merrick has builded a nobler memorial for himself in his native city than any man who has gone before him. He was a wise and careful husbandman of his inheritance, and has left it, increased an hundred fold, in a way that will insure lasting benefits to those who stand in need of help. His will is to be commended not only for its generous provisions but for its clear and sensible form.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] a pleasant [illegible]

[illegible] lived near enough [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] paid in advance [illegible]

[illegible] for them!

[illegible] very good of them [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] perhaps [illegible]

[illegible]

Philadelphia, Jan. 21. 1787.

My dear Sir,

I have rec'd from [illegible] [illegible]

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Springfield, Jan. 27. 1857.

A new Name for the Catalogue!
Cyprian [illegible]!! And on the [illegible] of Cakes.!! You [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. M. L. D.

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5 Brewster Place
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[illegible]

But what I want, you will find on
a sheet by itself; I have left room for
you to write the answers on the same
& make your part as easy as possible.
Take your own time for it.
I have made out a list of the plants

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

importance and interest
[illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] and D. D.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
on my [illegible].

We [illegible] from Prof. [illegible]
of [illegible] [illegible] Russian; [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]. Prof. [illegible] [illegible] in the City
for the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the coming season.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

as you noticed there are kinds of grass on the island — more than fifty. Fourteen of them have been reported. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] pleasure for me to find them [illegible] [illegible]. Something of this [illegible] has re- ported [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] comes under the latter head.

Then on the same sheet I have asked questions about eight other plants which are known to grow on the island — some of them very common.

I shall give a copy of this list of fifty grasses of the island [illegible] the coming season. Then I have two good [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of them, and all them are of use in the [illegible] for these [illegible].

I had an interesting letter from Mr. Dame the other day. He gave me a list canadensis. Pycnanthemum lanceolatum, Polygonum ramosissimum, & Lappa officinalis var. minor, now to be known as Arctium Lappa, L. var. minus. Dr. Gray [illegible] [illegible] the distinctive characters of this var. become better marked [illegible] than they [illegible] in the N. J. [illegible]. We all [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] without a murmur of course, but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on some of our [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] in Dr. Gray's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], R. Br.

I am very much obliged for your revision & correction of Mr. Redfield's name, and [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. I ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] Dr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] if I were [illegible] in [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all. As it is I shall want to name the herbariums through which the varieties are scattered. That of your Sp'd Bot. Soc. contains a number of them that I have [illegible] [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the preface. Yours very tr. [illegible]

Springfield, Nov 27. 1888.

Dear Mr. Deane,

You can get a Catalogue of Miss J. F. Barnard, Athenaeum Library, Nantucket – price 75 cts. – postage paid.

I take up your refrain – of the "rain, rain, rain" – only to say that patience has worked her perfect work with me; and I go & come in storm rig, like a born duck. With all that, however, I often think of Mr. Morong, and am glad that he, for one, is out of this deluge. I have not heard the least thing from him – not that I could expect – nor about him, and I did think that the Torr. Bulletin would give us some inkling of his progress occasionally.

Yours very truly, M. L. Owen.

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Mr. Walter Deane
5 Brewster Place
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Nantucket, Sep. 27, 1888

Dear Mr. Deane,

I snatch a few minutes for a hasty reply to your letter. I have not heard from my Dedham friend about that plant.

Sep. 28.

Interrupted at that point I [illegible] [illegible] in Springfield. There I [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] evening. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Seminary [illegible]. The date [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

Oenothera [illegible] L. [illegible]

[illegible]

Epilobium angustifolium L.

[illegible]

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76 Marlboro' St.
Sept. 14. 1888.

Dear Mr. Deane,

If you can call conveniently Sunday afternoon, I should be very glad to see you. Morning & evening I shall go to church, but shall be at home all the afternoon. I have a plant that I desire to show you, and four of the five new Nantucket plants. I have also a letter from Miss Kite the discoverer.

She wants to make an herbarium of the plants of Nantucket for the Nant. Athenaeum. I want to talk that plan over.

Please remember me to your wife. I should be glad if she would come with you; with strict impartiality I would talk botany only half the time, and in that half my daughter would be pleased to make her acquaintance.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen

[illegible]

Dear Mr. [illegible],

[illegible]

[illegible] Yours truly [illegible]

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I have [illegible] a minute to tell you that I am going to [illegible], and [illegible] the Mrs. [illegible]. [illegible] 12 & 1? I am [illegible]. [illegible] two [illegible] – I [illegible] – [illegible] one or two more to [illegible].

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In the Times, tho' I was surprised to find that mine was not first, when that was signed so much earlier.

I call mine for 50 cts., a large price for a little thing like that, when we consider that scientific printing costs more than the ordinary pages and that a fresh edition [illegible] in only 500 copies comes very much higher on each copy than a large one. The book may be obtained direct by addressing

Miss Burnard
Museum Library
Cambridge.

We will forward a copy post paid to any address on receipt of the price.

I should be sorry to have our correspondence stop entirely, for with the many things that we write, it may become quite irregular; however

Cambridge, Mass. [illegible]

[illegible]

Your final remarks about the Catalogues are probably so. I see now some things that I would like to add or alter, and some places where I would rather do a little more. But who can be perfectly satisfied with his own work? No one but a person of very narrow self-conceit. Then I can [illegible]. The idea is that I [illegible] the same [illegible] than it actually is. Some of the numbers which will [illegible]

Early in the remarks in the [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] the thoughtless destruction of flowers, particularly an article in the [illegible] — entitled "The Flower [illegible] [illegible]." [illegible] called [illegible] another [illegible] [illegible] action for the preservation of our wild flowers; I should be very glad if something I have written can really lead to such a good result.

I value Mr. [illegible]'s [illegible] as you do, and as all [illegible] will; the use of the [illegible] may be [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] Mr. [illegible] tells the [illegible].

I do not know who gave me [illegible] [illegible] but it was [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] were all from good [illegible]. I have kept all my letters [illegible] then I [illegible] for the [illegible], and if I ever, ever have time, it would be a pleasant task, I [illegible] to review them & select [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] remarks for the [illegible] [illegible] of my own [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] put in the name of the [illegible] in every line [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it? I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and yet I never saw it myself.

I [illegible] [illegible] you have a [illegible]

Princeton Jan 25. 88

My dear Mr. [illegible]

The Catalogue is at [illegible], and I have been mailing [illegible] to several friends and Princeton correspondents. The [illegible] Mr. [illegible] ought to have been the [illegible] to [illegible] one of the [illegible], and not the [illegible] instead of the [illegible] the [illegible].

I have meant all along to distinguish the [illegible] by [illegible] them [illegible], and if the printing had been done here we could have taken the sheets immediately from the press and had the special binding all done by the time the General Edition was

ready. But I could not leave up to
Northampton on that day for
some other things that I would have
liked. But when the unbound
copies did come they were taken
charge of by the binder and if he
keeps his word I shall receive
them next Saturday.

This was to be a little surprise,
but I had to tell Mr. Dana some
time ago of the plan; I drew what
advantage I could however from
the enforced confidence by consulting
him about the binding, and I
have followed his suggestions. He
will be most sure to make field
notes when he is in Nantucket
and I hope you may find the
blank leaves useful in the same
way.

You will see in one of the
catalogues on the "Botanic"
[illegible] or in Judge Churchill's
[illegible] which you have one of
your own [illegible] with the explana-
tion [illegible] given. It [illegible] may
not stir up any evil passions.

I don't know whether I shall
get to Nantucket this year; I
[illegible] to spend [illegible] at
any rate. Mrs. Dana is in
Bloomingdale for the season.
I hope you and your wife are
enjoying your vacation. With
many regards to both

Yours most truly,
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield June 29. 1888.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Mr. Fairbanks told me when there he was going to [illegible] Saturday, July 7, to [illegible] [illegible] until Monday. Friday Aug. 3. [illegible] to go again with his wife, and stay three or four weeks in [illegible]. It will be too late for [illegible] then, [illegible] he would be [illegible] to [illegible] after [illegible] his return. Please see July Christian [illegible]

The Catalogue [illegible] -

[illegible]

[illegible] have occurred? I [illegible] [illegible] on our Summer Tour. Please [illegible] when you [illegible] 10 - [illegible] [illegible] M.L.D.

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Mr. Walter Deane
5 Brewster Place
Cambridge
Mass.

than I did not take your [illegible] [illegible]
I gave [illegible] one of your [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that I gave
to the Editor. Since I [illegible], [illegible] I
appreciate your kind interest in my
work, in *all* your comments.

Did you ever hear a [illegible] [illegible]
of Mrs. [illegible], the wife of [illegible]?
[illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] for your [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible].

"A thousand thanks" for the "*Dear*
and [illegible] *[illegible]*." You are one of
three individuals I have known in my
life, whom I consider to be *Men of*
[illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. It is [illegible]. Many [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for you, [illegible] [illegible]
would have [illegible] this [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] trouble and [illegible] —
[illegible]!

Springfield, May 30- 888-

Dear Mr. [illegible],

The [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] is [illegible] [illegible], and as [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] when the [illegible] were [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible]. [illegible] is [illegible]
in the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible].

I think I owe my thanks for
your [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] — I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] and I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
there are [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] and I

Are glad of the chance to attend me-ting so as quite conveniently as there in Northampton, but I hope the work will be sent to the [illegible] in June. It is a great disappointment to me as much of the [illegible] this third part to be so late to make the [illegible] in the Spring. The Memoir will be [illegible] of [illegible] for I wanted it elaborated, and that cannot be without consultation and comparison of notes and memoranda from which this cannot be effected by letter.

I send into the [illegible] the passage that I can [illegible] for your [illegible], but after [illegible] consideration, without any addition. When you read it in its place, you will see that as I was treat-ing only there of the [illegible] character of the [illegible], although Dr. [illegible]'s testimony of that would come in well, anything more in the way of showing my appre-ciation of the character of that great [illegible] would have [illegible] the topic with some degree of [illegible]; I [illegible] that you will see it as I do when you read it again. [illegible] along to the extent I [illegible] there in a paragraph as you suggested. [illegible] [illegible] is mentioned in the text of the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and I might have added something like this; — "[illegible] where the [illegible] I [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] interest." But that would have been self-[illegible] — implying that I could say a [illegible] [illegible] would be — [illegible] as I [illegible], and it seems to me that anything of the kind would be out of place in a [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] of [illegible] — it would [illegible] the [illegible]. I have [illegible] my course at some length in this way because you will [illegible] in [illegible]

[illegible] -

You must be very busy now to have [illegible] from you, and perhaps have your family home for vacation. Mr. [illegible] tells me he was going to [illegible] to [illegible] Bloomington again, I have no [illegible] for the summer. [illegible] quite con-tent to stay at home.

With kind regards to yours [illegible] well [illegible],

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

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There is a [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] em-bracing, [illegible] the book where [illegible] "[illegible]" where she says "[illegible]" [illegible] had the pleasure of knowing her. Those faithful answers to my ques-tions! - I shall never forget that kind-ness, and I [illegible] - [illegible] - the "[illegible] and [illegible]" that I [illegible], [illegible] I shall have no room for anything else.

I have a good deal of writing I will enclose some of the notes that [illegible] on the papers with my [illegible]. [illegible] *[illegible]* [illegible] *[illegible]*. The [illegible] name [illegible] to me so *dis-tinguished* and [illegible] to my hopes that it was [illegible] to [illegible] by your friend - Mr. [illegible] [illegible] encouraged me - and now see how kindly the [illegible]

[illegible] to my ideas.

When you read the sheets again you will see [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there that I have underlined. For I think in every one it was a question of style, not of blunders or [illegible], and I had a kind of [illegible] in the expression [illegible] [illegible]. Then [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]? Something like this — I [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] the question — "A poor thing, but my own."

Here and there you will observe places that I might alter if you desired — [illegible] of their importance.

As for the Epigrams [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I wrote to Mr. [illegible] to [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] wrote to Dr. [illegible] because I [illegible] all [illegible] [illegible] that he had [illegible] his [illegible] of the [illegible] Epigrams in the paper [illegible] — My idea is to [illegible] me to [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of my [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible], I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible]. I wrote to Professor [illegible] and from his reply, [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] may be [illegible] good or bad, but I have done every single thing in my power to [illegible] in the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] is a good deal of [illegible] in them. Of Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] he has not undertaken [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. It is [illegible] [illegible] and I [illegible] be glad when it is

[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

Although [illegible] in print

I am going to answer [illegible] for me,

[illegible] then I think [illegible];

[illegible] *[illegible]* *[illegible]* of the

[illegible] the [illegible]

of the [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible]; [illegible] may [illegible]

[illegible] I [illegible]

to say.

How does it strike you? Would you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] Mr. Gray? I believe I gave it to him, but perhaps he may not know [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I have a [illegible] [illegible] feeling [illegible] [illegible]. There is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] impartial judge, as I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] because I gave [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the subject that he always [illegible] in what I showed him, in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] would not feel that I had really given him pleasure. If you [illegible]

I am [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I am going to write you a long letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] things.

Yours very truly [illegible]

Springfield Apr. 30. 888.

I received the glumes [illegible] [illegible] of Trio-dia [illegible] to be here. Have you [illegible]? [illegible] the [illegible] as [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] or the [illegible].

It seems now as if the printing might begin in a day or two, and it will probably be done in [illegible] Thompson. A letter due tomorrow will answer my last questions and then the ad-dition will be made. Yours Truly

Your article in the Bulletin on Dr. Gray was very good – [illegible] interesting all the way through. I like the portrait [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible].

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Mr. Walter Deane
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[illegible] May 10. 1888

I see *Heleocharis* very often now. If that so well established then I had better use it instead of *Ele*———?

Lenianum, *Fries* received. Thanks.

They are doing better than they promised me in Northampton: I have the outer finished, and so more today and think they can finish very shortly.

E. L. G.

P. S. As I understand it, Ranunculus ambigens, Wats. is *not* R. alismaefolius, Geyer, because this latter is not in the country, and R. ambigens is a good name without a synonym.

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in the summer on Mt. Toby, in camp, and if I find that he is going to do the same this year I will let you know of the time, but it is early to be thinking of such things — Mr. S. will form no plan for his little vacation till the time is near at hand.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

Roxbury, April 15. 1888.

Dear Mr. Deane,

My daughter had the MS. of the Catalogue ready for me, and I have read, though only hastily, your answers to my many queries. I understand very well that it must have taken many hours for you to collect first and then write down all that information; I thank you very much and assure you that I appreciate fully the help that you and Mr. Dame have given me — whatever credit the Catalogue may gain, you and he will deserve much of it, and I shall never be backward in acknowledging it.

I took the sheets to Mr. Barrows, Mr. Dame's printer, and got his estimate of the cost of bringing it out.

300 copies, 64 pp. Same style and work as "Middlesex Flora" for $100.00. Additional pages $1.55 each. Each 100 copies in excess of 300, $10.00.

Saturday I was at the office a second time and met Mr. Dame there. He advises me to secure myself against loss in the publication by getting subscriptions for the work beforehand as he did for his. I am not willing to send out a circular, but I think I may perhaps advertise in the Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror, and accomplish about as much as I should by a circular letter. I shall attend to that as soon as possible, and then shall finish the Catalogue, and make it all ready for printing. I begin to fear that I shall get nothing more from Mr. Morong, as his time is so taken up. I am sorry, for anything from a man of his high rank in the science would add a great deal to my little work.

April 16. I am ready to cry and dance this morning for Mr. Morong's notes have come! You don't know — You can't know, how nice they are. If the friend were only here who threw up his hat for me when I found those splendid plants of Woodwardia, I am sure he would repeat his kind act with vigor.

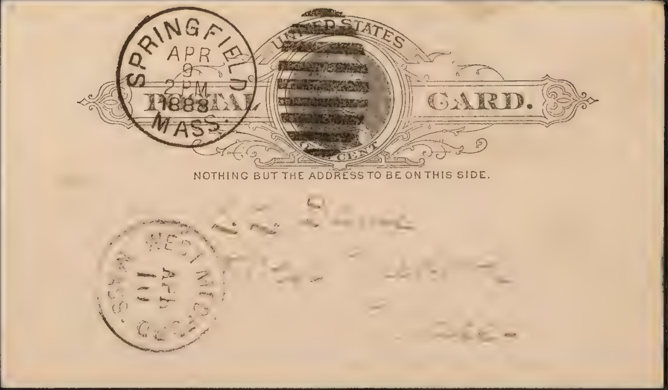
I enclose all that I learned from Dr. Chapin about Bot. Simples.

Mr. Tebbins frequently spends a fortnight

Springfield Jan. 9. 1888

Dear Mr. Dame,

I am going to Boston Wednesday of this week, and unless you advise me to the contrary, I will take my Catalogue to your publisher or printer to get his estimate. If you still have the MS. please send it to me addressing, 25 Lambert Ave. Roxbury. Care of Mrs. Mary G. Tallant. If you have already sent it to Mr. Deane I can easily get it from him. Thursday morning will be early enough for me to have the catalogue. Please let me know who your publisher is, and add any advice that seems important, and so oblige very much Yours truly M. L. Owen.



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Springfield, Apr. 9. 1888

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am going to Boston this week and want to take my Catalogue to a publisher or printer for estimate of cost. If it is in your hands now, I should like to borrow it — will send it back if you have not had time to examine it. Please notify my daughter & she will send for it, sending you at the same time the N. American plants. You will find the specimens good enough from a scientific point of view, but esthetically not so satisfactory. Professional collectors don't take such pains with their specimens as amateurs and indeed they cannot. Much obliged about the Juncus. I have a complete set of the Torrey Bulletin, — can also see the Pacific R. R. Reports, and I can decide from them what to call our Juncus. — Judge Churchill shall hear what I can learn about locality of Bot. simplex in good season. July 4. is about the time to collect it. — M. L. O. —

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Mr. Walter Deane
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Philadelphia, Mar. 25. [illegible]

Dear Mr. Deane

I have sent the [illegible] of the Catalogue to Mr. Dame. He will send it to you when he has finished his examination of it. I have asked him to send along with the Catalogue the accompanying letter as it was written for you as well as for him, so I say no more about that. When you have finished, instead of sending it to me, I should like to have you notify my daughter that you have done with it, and she will send a man to your school for it — that is, if you will bring [illegible]

[illegible] and Trilliums [illegible] chosen, only in Gray's Manual.

I think I have not answered your last letter which contained the Foster list. Epilobium [illegible] [illegible], as [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] in his list, unless the Carices have not been reported before.

Mr. Macoun is going to send me some more plants before he starts on his annual collecting tour. He has before this sent at random, but he asked me now what orders I would like to have represented — whether I preferred pretty or rare specimens. What do you think I told him? I leave the question with you, feeling like a second Stockton with his "Lady or Tiger" puzzle.

I suppose [illegible] [illegible] Wishing you a nice [illegible] [illegible] Very sincerely Yours, [illegible]

have no more there. I am
going to Boston in April, and I
[illegible] the list there, so there will
be no need of sending it there only
to be carried back in a few
days.

I can give you a few herbarium
specimens of the Manual, only the
ones from British America outside
of the U. S. I will give you a list
and if you want any or all let me
know, and they shall be sent to
your school by the messenger who
will go for the [illegible].

Allium cernuum
Lilium Philadelphicum
Camassia Leichtlinii, Watson
in Manual C. Fraseri, Torr.
When I omit the authority for the
name it is the same as in the Manual.
Saxifraga tricuspidata
Saxifraga oppositifolia
Dryas octopetala, var. integrifolia
with the authority "C. + L." if I
read it right. I take it that this
Dryas is the same as D. integrifolia, Vahl.
of the Manual. Unless the plant has
been re-discovered on the White Mts. or
found elsewhere in the U. S. we have to
represent it in our herbaria by foreign
specimens.

Neillia opulifolia, B. + H. (if I read the
letters right) var. mollis, Wat. I know
this is Spiraea opulifolia, L. of the Manual.
Sibbaldia procumbens.

Petalostemon candidus
P. violaceus

Astragalus alpinus

Then I could add, if you wanted them,
another Astragalus, other Saxifrages,
Alliums & Spiraeas, a Psoralea,
some trefoils, roses, Brodiaeas, lilies,

[illegible] Hill [illegible]

Dear Mr. [illegible],

The Catalogue and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], as the [illegible] of the [illegible]; there are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] — I would not [illegible] the word "[illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the "[illegible] of the [illegible]", for I [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] the whole [illegible] [illegible] for a little while. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible], the [illegible] [illegible], &c. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] have been made. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], suggest [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] a different [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be willing to undertake the [illegible]. But I [illegible] for your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; I [illegible] to [illegible] a [illegible] in [illegible] in the [illegible] part of [illegible] and I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I will [illegible] an estimate of cost. But it is not certain [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible]. I will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] between the [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible], and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] [illegible] perhaps a [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] would [illegible] a Catalogue. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the exhibition, but I

think I ought to add, and advise
that if anything [illegible] be [illegible].
You [illegible] think it [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible]; if it is, I [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible], for I [illegible]
to [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] than the
thing has done.

I. Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] on the
[illegible] [illegible] is [illegible].
Mr. Collins has the [illegible] of the
[illegible] or [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] the Catalogue, I [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]-
[illegible], as I should have been glad to
[illegible] [illegible] if you had been at home,
and you will find the [illegible] [illegible]-
[illegible] with them. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], for you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you
[illegible] of Mr. [illegible].
[illegible] the Catalogue of Mr. [illegible]
if you will [illegible] this [illegible] [illegible]
I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible].

I asked Clark W. Bryan & Co. for
an estimate of the cost of printing
and the [illegible]; they are first-class
printers — particularly so, — and they
do a large amount of printing,
but they were unwilling to take hold
of this work. They said they were
[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible], and they
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. They need [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
precise directions from I [illegible] [illegible]
them, [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]-
[illegible] E. Bidgman & Co. in [illegible]
printed, [illegible]

[illegible] with a clear conscience the [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] the [illegible].

I should be pleased to receive your promised suggestions about ways and means of lessening the cost of printing, for I have not leisure to engage in the subject myself, for I want to carry it all through this spring.

So I commit it to you and Mr. Peirce for examination as to theory and for criticism on all points and on [illegible] those to which my questions call your attention.

Yours very truly
[illegible]

Mr. Peirce's address is
[illegible] [illegible] Place
Cambridge

[illegible], June 2. [illegible]

Dear Mr. [illegible],

I am sitting alone [illegible] with the Catalogue [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for your [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] paid.

I wrote to Mr. Foster a [illegible] [illegible] ago, and there comes his answer this morning, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you have given me the [illegible] of them, and telling me that the [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]? [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] again. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]. I am also the [illegible] of [illegible] to ask [illegible] [illegible]. Have you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. What I think [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them. So if you do not receive them soon I don't think it would be out of place in me to ask them to send them by mail. [illegible] make additions for many weeks till the [illegible] gets them the [illegible].

I have interspersed the sheets of the Catalogue with [illegible] containing queries & remarks addressed to you & Mr. [illegible]. As I am writing I will enclose two of them that you may give the desired information at your leisure.

I spent a few days in Boston last month, and was made a little [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mr. [illegible]; I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] doing some [illegible] and [illegible] from the [illegible]! If the weather had been milder I should have tried to see you last Thursday, but it was so stormy that I did not go down as much as usual.

With best regards to you and your wife

Yours very truly,

William L. [illegible]

Springfield, Feb. 12 - 1889

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have just had a call from an old friend of mine Rev. G. W. Perry of Rutland, Vt., and while the interest is fresh & lively in my mind I want to tell you of a plan of his, in which you may be able to help. He would like to take a party of boys on some vacation trip in our own country, — he says across the continent, but if some other trip would suit the parents better — say to the Lake Superior region, Yellowstone Park, Colorado, or elsewhere I suppose he would willingly fall in with their wishes. However, "across the continent," is what he said. Now I will tell you what qualifications he has for making such a trip delightful & instructive. He is very fond of natural history in any form, but he is, in particular

Collections & then start out again. He told me how much he should enjoy such a trip as he described, but the trouble was that he had not yet made the right connection — the men who would put their sons with him didn't know him. They must be rich men, who could pay him for his time just as they pay any other teacher, for I hardly need tell you that he is poor — are not these universal geniuses always poor? I said nothing except to wish him well in a general way, but I determined in my mind to ask you if such a party could be made up from your boys & friends of theirs. Mr. Perry could easily take charge of a dozen he says if they were obedient & trusty, and a bad boy he would not take on any terms.

Now I write without his knowledge, and if you cannot further his plan, why, there will be no hopes disappointed; Mr. Perry is going to use such agencies as he can find himself.

a good botanist and geologist; he is State geologist for Vermont. He is a good photographer, and from photographing scenery, that sense which seizes quickly the picturesque bits in a landscape is highly developed in him. He is a well-informed man in all directions, would be very capable of interesting the boys in the history, political &c., of the places where stops were made. He is a man not much over forty I should judge, in good health, very active in body, quick & inventive in mind, ready to meet an emergency. He is married and has children of his own, and has a remarkable faculty of getting along well with boys. For the last three years he has taken a party of them from Rutland to Queen City Park on the shore of Lake Champlain; — twelve went the first year, twenty the second, twenty-five the third, and from every body in Rutland he could get the highest testimonials of his thorough fitness to take boys anywhere. His stories of camping-out and roughing it are as fascinating as chapters of Robinson Crusoe — I can't even begin on them in a letter. He is thoroughly fond of boys and believes in them, and is always cheerful and entertaining. He is a Universalist minister, and preaches well I am told — I heard him once & liked him; he was settled here for a while and it was then that we became acquainted, through our botanical society. But he is not in his right place as a minister, I hardly know why; I am sure he always does the young people of his parish much good by his lectures &c. He can make his own stereopticon views to illustrate anything, and he lectures sometimes on astronomy & again on botany or minerals or what not. Perhaps he ought to have been a collector for some institution to go out like Mr. Morong, come home & arrange his but I thought that if you could help him at all, you would do an equal favor to the other parties, — men who would be glad to have their boys so well provided for in vacation. This letter is all that I propose to contribute to the cause. If you could and would help him, I should want to give him a letter of introduction to you and after that he could make his own way. He goes to Boston occasionally on business, and he would take one of those times to call on you at your house or your school as you might prefer.

Finis for that, but if any parents want to send their boys east instead of west, my daughter is going in June to spend the summer in England & the north of France with her brother, and would take two good boys along. Walter is an architect and would study and sketch the notable buildings that they visited — he sketches rapidly & well, and is competent to instruct in that art;

he is very fond of boys and a great favorite with them; – His morals & manners are all right — no end of testimonials to that effect from Springfield, Boston & New-York — he does not smoke even. As for Amelia she is a pink of propriety — not a *stiff* one however, and she likes fun too, and speaks French well enough to keep the party up to it while in France. More particulars if desired. Her passage is engaged and any who are going in June have to attend to it in good season, as the steamers carry out a full complement of passengers in that month.

I read Mr. Morong's interesting letter in the last Bulletin. He seems to have begun well, *except for grasping that nettle*, and I hope he will give us equally good news every month.

Don't feel obliged to answer this intensely personal letter in a hurry — take your own time. When you do write I hope you can tell me that your wife is entirely well again, with any other pleasant news that you think of. Regards to both of you from your sincere friend
Maria L. Owen

Springfield June 5. 1889

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send back part of the correspondence that you kindly sent me. I am keeping back the other two letters to read parts of them at the meeting of our little botanical society next Friday, for which I assume your consent. There is nothing private in them, I see, and besides I shall not read the while, but the account of the cold, heat, thunder storms difficulty of getting water &c. give one an idea though of course a faint one, of the hardships encountered by collectors, something of which we never think till it is brought right before us.

I was in the Botanic Garden last week, walked through the greenhouses and I saw many orchids new to me, my visits there seldom being at this season of the year. Monday morning I went over to the Museum & Institute & Mr. Dawson took me over the grounds and showed me plenty of trees from every corner of the earth. Did I find one tree of the seed that every one of these varieties had come? No — but I do now.

Friday evening or Saturday I will mail the other letters.

With thanks now & more soon. Yours very truly Maria L. Owen

Springfield June 9. 1889

Dear Mr. Deane,

I return with thanks Mr. M's letters. They were listened to with much interest at the Bot. Society Friday, & all admired the cheerful spirit with which he bore his discomfort & the energy with which he carried out his plans. There is one pest & horror — snakes — that he does not mention. I should have supposed that the woods would be full of them & I should dread them more than those thunder storms - You say so, Mr. Dawson at the Arnold Arboretum told me the same, & I looked in the Botany - the Manual - to make sure that it *was* *rubra* & not *alba*.

Your school seems to hold a little longer than the girls' schools. My daughter came home yesterday & will sail for Europe next week to meet her brother & spend the summer with him in England & France. I hope your vacation will give you & your wife just the rest you need to make you as strong & well as ever by the end of it. With kind regards to both

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen

I thought I should carry out Mr. Murray's wishes if I showed his letter about introducing American manufactures into So. America to some editor. So I let Mr. Shipley of the S.D. Union read it. I would not allow him to copy anything nor to mention any names, for it was not my letter & I felt that it would be taking too great a liberty to let him do those things, but I told him he might make an editorial out of the facts if he chose. I hope you will not disapprove of this proceeding.

I sent a copy of my Catalogue to Ashland for Mr. Murray the very day that I received copies from the printer, though I was pretty sure that he had got as far as New York at least. If he does not find it laid up for him when he comes back I shall send him another.

Morus rubra, L. it must be, for

Springfield, June 19. 1889.

My dear Mr. Deane,

When I was in Nantucket last summer I heard about a yellow iris growing wild, and a few days ago one of my good friends sent me specimens - Of course those shortlived & soft-petalled flowers were curled up & decayed beyond recognition, but two of the large buds bloomed in water and I pressed them - They came from the Lily Pond which is back of Lily Street, and the back yards of the houses in that street run down towards the pond, which is not so far off but that garden plants might easily make their way to it, and irises would take to water as you know

But in this world I could manage to call back the delicious freshness of my youthful studies by going to a new region as Mr. Morong has, though I should choose Colorado where my friend Miss Freeman collected some 400 new things two years ago -

But my Iris from which I have strayed - if you have any views about it do let me know when you have leisure by & by - up in Jaffrey perhaps, where I hope you & your wife will have a lovely time -

Yours with kind regards
Maria L. Owen -

as naturally as ducks. This is very likely some species that has been raised for ornament, although from the very small size of the inner divisions of the perianth, it is not as showy as most of the garden irises. I don't know any of the cultivated ones by their specific name, but this may be the I. Pseudacorus described in Dr. Gray's "Field, Forest & Garden Botany". It has no beard nor crest; I have no leaves, but will send you what I received from Nantucket, showing the spathe.

But how can I help looking with longing eyes at the short description of I. Cuprea, which is also beardless & crestless? "Copperish-yellow" — these from N. are a pretty bright yellow but they have copper colored veins in the outer divisions of the perianth.

I had a letter from Prof. Eaton last November, pleasant all the way through, but with one charming passage so àpropos in this case that I must quote it. "How pleasant it would be" he says "to forget all one's botany & have to learn it all over again! To gather the flowers of early spring & study them out — to learn anew of the distinction between Anemone & Thalictrum — to bring home Viola Canina & try to persuade one's self that the spurs were so long that it must be V. rostrata!" Such thoughts show the true lover of the fair science, but for myself I want to hold on to all I know, at any rate in this short life; when I walk among the asphodels of the heavenly meads I shall be willing enough to begin anew, [illegible], Feb. [illegible]

Dear Mr. [illegible]

I am very glad to send you the enclosed Pictures, [illegible] your [illegible] & Mr. [illegible]. I think you may [illegible] & [illegible] Pictures [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

These are [illegible] in a Collection [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], They are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Yours very truly
[illegible]

it would be quite a treasure if the abnormal growth were developed also, but I think it is only the [illegible] [illegible] have taken the [illegible] form. I think they were collected in [illegible].

I suppose you have your plans [illegible] for vacation. I hope you will have a very pleasant time, and that your wife is as well as ever and that she enjoy the [illegible] with you —

With kind regards to both
Yours very truly
[illegible]

P.S. Please excuse the ridiculous envelope. It held the specimen without folding and that is the important thing. [illegible]

And next I had to cut down the size of the letter —

[illegible] June 7. 188[illegible]

Dear Mr. [illegible]

I have been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible], and I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I called the [illegible] P. Engelmanni, Lesq. (which [illegible] new [illegible] P. [illegible]) and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] although [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the new Manual [illegible] [illegible] described, [illegible] which the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 20 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ground [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] had [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] -

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]
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[illegible] was [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] : [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] -

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] - [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] than [illegible]
[illegible] pressing [illegible] - I had never
[illegible] Scholarships [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] - I collected
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] week, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Thursday morning [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] -
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] -
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
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the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Hooker as you have, it is likely that I should agree with you & Mr. Pringle.

Now about the name. I wrote *R. hastulatus* as the syn. of *R. Engelmanni*, and I see that you do the same in your reply, but I observed today in looking into the new Manual again, that the name there is hastatulus — it is, however, as we both wrote it, in the 5th ed. which must now be classed with the "old" manuals.

I guess I can get you some ripe fruit of Lathyrus pratensis. I should think about the first week in July it might be found, and I will go & look. The plant grows amongst grass and it is really very hard to find it when out of flower, and besides they probably mow the field about the time that the seeds are ripe. This is only to prepare your mind for a disappointment, for it is a pleasant

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Springfield June 21. 1890.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I wonder if I can't put you in the way of getting a good specimen of L. flos-cuculi. You know Professor Norton has a summer home in Ashfield, and the man who takes care of the place, Mr. Carter, told me that two ladies by the name of Murray came every summer and occupied a house that Prof. Norton owned some little distance from the village; these ladies, he said were always collecting flowers. They live in Cambridge, and if you know them, or can make their acquaintance soon, you might induce them to bring you specimens. They probably know where to find it as it is not far from their house, — and yet if it is out of bloom by the time they go up they may not have noticed it; I can tell him however, just the place, and there is but one locality, I was informed. Tell if you can secure fruiting specimens through them, I will give you a flowering one, not nice, but fair. I had no driers with me, and no conveniences for pressing. Mr. Carter did not seem quite sure of the name *Murray* — it might be Merrill or ~~Some~~ thing else of similar sound, but one of the ladies was formerly a governess in Mr. Norton's family as I was told by another person.

I haven't Hooker's Flora, and it is not in our City Library nor within my reach *anywhere*, but by the Manual my specimen agrees with R. Engelmanni in every particular but one, and that is the last — "many times larger than the achenium". I have a fresh specimen right here, and should say that the valve was *four* times larger; "four" might be called "many" in this case and I felt satisfied. (Later — I call it *five* times larger.)

Engelmanni — "stem simple" — mine is simple —
Acetosa — "like the last" (Acetosella) but Acetosella has a branching stem —

Engelmanni "leaves nearly as in the next" (Acetosella) i.e. halberd form or hastate.
Acetosa "leaves oblong or broadly lanceolate" In my spec. the leaves were strongly hastate.

All three are said to have jointed pedicels.

My specimens have naked valves, to my eyes — there is certainly no "grain" in them. The mid-vein is thicker at the base, or I should say *wider* at the base, than above — that is all. The valves are not "orbicular" as in Acetosa, but "round heart-shaped" as in Engelmanni.

I am only showing that I am right by the description which I had — if I had since our excursion over to the place where it grows.

Don't answer this till you get ready if it is not for months, but when you do, if you don't forget it, please tell me if the enclosed is Carex aurea, Nutt.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

Don't you think the description of R. Acĕtosa is rather meagre? It certainly does not distinguish the plant clearly. M. L. O.

Springfield, July 3. 1890.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send you specimens of Sorrel for study; they are not nice for the Hbm. Still I enclose a label which you may fill out according to your convictions. I could arrive at a conviction of my own if I had Hooker, but I can trust you so I shall call it whatever you say. I seek the truth only. I see by my Amherst Cat. that what they called R. Engelmanni had been known there for some years before 1875. Perhaps R. Acetosa would be considered a greater find, as the new Manual mentions only two localities for it.

I put in a label for the Lychnis

too, though the specimen is poor & having no fruit, ~~imperf~~ incomplete. I mentioned the Murray ladies, for it was possible you know, that they might be intimate friends, next door neighbors, or something of that sort.

Much obliged for the confirmation of C. aurea. It seemed plain enough, but I never trust my own determination of any of that genus — always highly pleased when I come out right however.

A very pleasant vacation to you.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

[illegible] Dec. 21. '90

Dear Mr. Deane,

I don't think I care more than two stanzas in the [illegible] for I will have lots enough. You could mean that you would [illegible] for the second Composition or Promotion as that is not worth keeping. Please let me know some time if I am right about it, & that you [illegible] my [illegible].

Yours very truly

[illegible]

(over)

P.S. If I have not sent you
my latest article in "[illegible]"
Christian Register, Aug. 28 1[illegible]
will do so. I went to 5 meet-
ings of [illegible] [illegible]
like you, and [illegible] yours
friendly — [illegible]

with which he is coming back.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Today (Monday) I have picked my poor little violet — normally it is twice as large & spur proportionally longer – this lacks a petal even; its color too, is pale — the most I can say is that it is better than nothing. M. L. O.

Springfield, Oct. 25. 1890.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am glad the fruit of that rubbishy Onosmodium was good for anything. As you assure me that it is O. Virginianum I have entered its newly found locality in my own copy of the Nant. Catalogue –

No violets? I kept the letter back in which I told you their history till I had two in bloom; I then laid them with a few leaves of the plant in folds of paper & put them into the letter without trying to dry them, because I knew they would revive in water & I wanted you to see them fresh. Well, there is another bud on my little plant, and I will keep *this* letter back, and when the bud is fully blown put up flower & leaves in the same way for you. I mentioned the long spur, but these late flowers do not show that as 'specially as the earlier one did. But what could have become of that earlier specimen? If I had left it out, as I might have done thoughtlessly, it seems as if I should have seen it afterwards on my table. I suppose you got the *letter* at any rate. In it I related the history of the Onosmodium — i.e. its new locality & the reason that it was not properly pressed. Letters so rarely get lost in the mail that I cannot think of this one as not reaching you.

I am glad to hear of Mr. Morong's safety and his soon expected return.

"Happy the man, like wise Ulysses tried,
Or him who got of yore the fleece of gold,
Who comes at last, from travels manifold,
Among his kith and kindred to abide".

I hope that is the feeling

Petals not
bearded –
Spur long.

Letter dated
Oct 25
M. L. O.

Cyperus strigosus L.
var. robustior, Kunth.

Springfield, Oct. 30. '90.

Dear Mr. Deane,

That worst of events did happen then, – my letter never reached you – got lost. How or where I cannot conjecture, so I will waste no time in guesses, but repeat the important part.

The violet was raised in my own garden from seed that I sowed: I expected V. cornuta, but as I sowed the seed in '88, I do not remember where it came from – I did not buy it however, I know that. In '89 I had several plants that produced cleistogamous flowers all summer, but not a single complete bloom of good quality, so I pulled up all but one. – I was in

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My drives were to Shawnee and then thence to Tobyhanna, Bull's Hill & Pocono – My walks from there to Tom Jevers Pond + Head – If I had had the opportunity to explore the Shawnee + Pocono region, that Cro-modium would not have bloomed unnoticed for fifty years after President Hitchcock observed it – it is really quite abundant at Pocono, + very conspicuous.

Another thing in the lost letter was, the question whether the Lathyrus seeds were as you wanted them, or if you would prefer ripe pods in their natural shape unpressed & put into a pocket. I shall be very likely to collect more next year and you can have them just as you want them – only say the word.

You can't know what cold chills ran over me, when I read the lines

going to be overrun with them -
The year the one died about the
same thing till late in the season
when it bore a few very nice
flowers; I had perceived long before
that it was not cornuta, but
I undertook to hunt it up in
Coulter's Rocky Mountain Manual
then in Chapman's - then in the
new Gray, but it is not in either.
A friend in California sends me
seeds sometimes, so I thought this
might be in Coulter - I have it
the California Manual. I have
settled down upon the theory that
it is a hybrid - that the seed
really came from V. cornuta, but
that they were not true - other
violets near had crossed with
V. cornuta. The little thing that I
sent last is not a fair specimen;
a good one is twice as large & has
a very conspicuous spur.

When I was in Nantucket I went
to ~~[illegible]~~ Pocomo one day & strolling
over the hills north of the marshes
I found two or three little clumps
of the plant that I sent. It was
all out of bloom, but I saw that
it was of the Borage family & sus-
pected it was Cynoglossum Virginianum.
I didn't feel sure, for I never saw
that plant growing and never had a
fresh specimen but twice & they were
brought to me years ago - little things
too. I couldn't press it - no time -
so I just rolled it up in a newspaper &
sent for you. I wanted it identified,
for Pocomo is a new locality to enter
on a blank page of my Catalogue -
When I was a young girl & roaming over
the island wherever I could walk, I
very rarely went to Wauwinet or Pocomo
or anywhere in that part of the island -

the boat. Hummock Pond that you saw so small is very full this year — impossible to get round it without going through the swamp. How I do love my island home!

"The surf is beating on the island shore,
And I, far off, tonight,
In fancy hear the breakers as they roar,
And view the beacon light."

— and grow very homesick, I may add.

So good night
From your sincere friend
Maria L. Owen

from the Georgics with which you reinforced my argument. I had quoted that in an article I wrote for the Sp'd Republican some years ago, but the words were in a different order! "Inseritur vero et fetu nucis arbutus horrida" The line would scan though, just as well as yours (as the next line began with a vowel — "Et steriles" &c. I believe) which was some comfort; but I rushed for my Virgil & found that I was right — you had probably quoted from memory — a thing which I cannot do except in the fewest of instances.

I was in Nantucket but a few days — my friends took me all over the Isle however — and amongst

Springfield, Dec-24-189,

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send my thanks for the calendar and the good wishes which it brought. I will put the useful little thing right before me on the writing table where I spend so much of my time, and think of you every time I use it.

I send you some plants that I collected last summer on a pleasant journey that I took; where it was I will not say, but will put it out as a puzzle to you, to be solved by the plants themselves. I number instead of naming them, and have kept a numbered list. When you write and tell me your

~~your~~ guess I will write more at length. But I ought to add a little more now. I cut the spray of variegated elm from suckers that had sprung up round two beautiful trees growing in the front yard of a house. They were said to be at least sixty years old, and were perhaps forty feet in height. When fresh the green was of the most vivid hue, and the white which is yellow now, was as pure as the new-fallen snow — a lovely combination.

The "What-is-it" was from a window plant. I took a very small leaf — some of them were nearly as large as my hand. And the flower stalk was three feet long, at least, about eighteen inches bare, then a foot of flowers, pure white, and then six inches or so of buds. I could learn no other name than "Bridal Wreath." With these two exceptions the plants are native to the region where I collected them.

With all the good wishes of the season to yourself and your wife, I am

Your sincere friend

Maria L. Owen.

[illegible] 25. 91.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] — It would not be worth
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of a [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] any kind and [illegible]
the [illegible] from [illegible]

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster Street
Cambridge
Mass.

down into the rock cleft. I found it on a five-mile walk that we took (my niece and Miss Fisher of Dedham were with me) from Dungeon Ghyll to Chapel Stile in Westmoreland.

No study is quite lost even if it fails of its direct aim, so I have a little consolation in thinking that you and Mr. D. are more learned than ever in ferns. I met Mr. D. once in the Harv. Library and he showed me his ferns there. He was very kind and agreeable, and I send him my regards through you, if he is forgiving enough to receive them kindly.

I was gone from home nearly four months; as we went in a Belgian (Red Star) steamer we spent two days in Antwerp and one in Bruges then went directly to England and staid there till we left for home in a White Star steamer from Liverpool.

Springfield, Apr. 15. 1892

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am quite flattered at the results of my little find. I spent the summer in England — had no time whatever for real botanical work, and I neglected no opportunity of collecting ferns, because with these I could please our Mr. Stebbins who doesn't care much for any other plants. These were only mementos of places of historic or literary interest. They all looked so familiar to me and so "English" that I thought you would recognize their origin at once — in fact I left out some of them — the Osmunda for instance for fear of making my bundle too heavy. And you have taken so much trouble! And shown Mr. Davenport in to, I am quite ashamed of myself, and beg you to excuse me, and to make my peace with Mr. Davenport.

As to the unknown Asplenium I think it was a nice little complete plant of A. Adiantum-nigrum — that is what I suppose it to be. It was small compared with pressed specimens which I have seen, but this grew on a wall in Devonshire, and the wall plants are never so large as those which grow on hedge banks or other growing soil. Then in Cornwall at "Tintagel by the Cornish sea" on the rocks at the base of King Arthur's Castle, I found a fern that I called A. marinum, it grew so deep in the clefts that it was impossible for me to get the whole plant or any part of the roots. The specimens were very scarce, and smaller than I have seen in herbariums; these resembled A. Adiantum-nigrum when dry, but when fresh the texture of the frond was plainly different, and growing as they did, where they were wet by the ocean spray, I have little doubt that they were truly A. marinum. I suppose it is one of these two which you suppose (woe to me! to me more than to you!) to be A. montanum (Robbins) -

Cryptogramme acrostichoides was a delight to my eyes — such quantities — (And it can never be eradicated even with the most wasteful collecting, for the roots cannot be obtained without time, and strength and the right instrument - for it clings

you that the name that are
superior to all [illegible] the
[illegible] Treasure. I have forgotten
that the [illegible] would [illegible]
you will have to [illegible] me [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible].

I have not heard from your
[illegible] for a long time — is he
[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible]?

[illegible] kind [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]

Ever your friend,
[illegible]

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Your indulgence to write on [illegible]
[illegible], but that other [illegible]
& have been [illegible]
[illegible]

I [illegible] the coming summer to
[illegible]
[illegible] (the [illegible]) & [illegible]
[illegible]. I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible].

I was in London [illegible]
[illegible]
see Miss [illegible]'s paintings — [illegible]
[illegible] Treasure. I had heard of
them [illegible] for years, [illegible]
I should have to [illegible]
[illegible] College [illegible]
before I could see them. [illegible]
told me that you had seen them
[illegible] first time before.

I [illegible] I enjoyed [illegible]

Springfield, May 4. 1892.

My dear Mr. Deane,

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] consider it.

[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] specimens of our own [illegible] I [illegible] I can send of the Euphrasia officinalis that grew abundantly in the wet [illegible] between [illegible] and [illegible]. They were little [illegible], — not great [illegible], — [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] as those I have found at Great Head on Mt. Desert, and at the Falls of Montmorenci, — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that I [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible], I think I must have kept them in one of the [illegible] that I [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible].

I must send my thanks for your article on Mr. [illegible] [illegible] in the Bulletin. It is very [illegible] — a just tribute to the gentle and friendly nature of that good man, as well as to his scientific knowledge. Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen

I have my [illegible] and never had; Father I have written and received I have been into the French town. but have been the circulating [illegible] to this town. Then *when* I have them alone, I mentally translated them to the English and then all its sense. I shall do so no longer, I will have *my* own Hawkes. Then I used to write you when in the Copyward Style, I have been so French — seriously really — but it may be so pleasing in a little Francis like me

to give more much in French as. Except the application of I will you to send me one of *your* books on a Catalogue- [illegible] my curiosity that and I think them to be one that will [illegible] with the information that *this* is the same thing my *son*. I remember the French version of learned one of the early Romances Alexandrian with the address on the Small and [illegible] marked "The it will be in *use* to the Alexandria, but I think *we* had also this to Alexandria." Then we a home all these days, please with something on them, and because I shall somewhere comply with the requirements of France and of my

Springfield Aug 30. '92

My dear Mr. Deane,

Please imagine all the hindrances and trials that can befall a housekeeper (short of sickness or death), think of them as following straight along without intermission, and then you will excuse my long delay in answering your last letter.

I shall send you labels for my English plants with pleasure — that is, as far as I can now. I didn't collect any fern that I called Asplenium montanum, and I didn't climb any mountain while I was gone. Then there is the one that puzzled you — No. 3 in your

If you want anything more in the way of labels, or anything different in what I send, let me know & I think I can reply rather sooner than to your last letter.

With kind regards to your wife as well as to yourself,

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen

That beautiful Lomaria! I had to look at a hundred plants to find any fronds small enough to press. The color was very bright & pretty & the surface glossy & and the shape of the whole plant very stately. How little idea a dried specimen gives!

M. L. O.

list. and I shall return the list to refresh your memory, it is now so long since you wrote about the specimens-

But I collected what I called Aspl. Adiantum-nigrum, — a beautiful specimen, though a small one, — on a delightful Queen-ford wall in Devonshire - The growth of ferns, mosses & flowering plants was very luxuriant. Then on the rocks wet with the ocean's spray, at the base of King Arthur's Castle in "Tintagel by the Cornish Sea" I discovered with delight what I supposed to be Asplenium marinum. The fronds were small, and the roots were so deep in little narrow clefts & cracks that I could not get any complete plant — at least I think so, but if I did have any specimen with a root I sent it to you. If you want a label for Nos. 1 & 3 you had better send them back for my inspection. I shall know where I collected them and can tell what I called them.

I have been at home all summer but hope to get away for a week or two soon, — think of going first to Tamworth, N.H. near Mt. Chocorua. I suppose you have been in some pleasant country place, and have had a nice time. Any good finds?

Nantucket. Nov. 8. '92

Can we get a new name for the Cala-[illegible] out of this [illegible]? It may be C[illegible] arbicum, var. [illegible] Nov. it seems to me, but I have no microscope here, & not much time to study it. Have it the latest edition of the Manual [illegible]. If you put the specimen in water, it [illegible] will revive it quite, & you will have the [illegible] [illegible] an inch or two of [illegible] [illegible]. I have a letter from you at home, unanswered, but not forgotten. You will hear from me sometime.

M. [illegible]

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Mr. Walter Deane
7 Brewster Place
Cambridge Mass.

Sp'd Nov. 14. 1892.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send you another pigweed, which I think is new to the Catalogue, sure. I call it Chen. ambrosioides, L. Do you? It was growing in the sand under the lee of a boat drawn up for the winter, I suppose, on an old wharf — a little clump of three or four plants, of which this was the best. There was not a truly perfect leaf on any of them. I found this yesterday and have just examined the fruit under the glass. I found much work awaiting me, for club, horticultural society and family, but I shall work through in a week I think, & then write you a letter.

Yours very truly M. L. Owen —

I suppose you got the other to hand through

I directed "7 Brewster Place"?

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the head gone to seed, but plenty of daisies in full bloom and others only in bud. The liatris too, was still quite abundant on the commons, and as for the yard and gardens in town they were at their very brightest with their Chrysanthemums of all hues, marigold, snapdragons, larkspurs and a dozen other flowers. The eschscholtzias in particular were as large & rich in color as in California, not the delicate things that they are in our Springfield gardens.

But no more about my dear old home — I will draw to a close wishing you a pleasant Thanksgiving.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Nov. 21-1892-

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am glad that one of my plants was worth putting into your herbarium. I shall enclose a label. I saw that the seeds would decide the species, but I could not see their edges without my microscope.

Have you any *Hudsonia ericoides* from No. Conway N.H.? I collected it there in September, and can give you a specimen, *such as it is*. I was driving along and saw what to my Nantucket eyes, which have known Hudsonia as long as they have known dandelions, looked like the plant. I half thought that those usually trusty organs were deceiving me, but stopping & collecting some, I found that I had the veritable thing, and when I consulted my

Manual, learned that a Miss Hines had reported it. The patch is in plain sight from the regular public road, & not more than a rod from it. These September specimens have neither flowers nor fruit.

I spent two weeks in New Hampshire, with my daughter for my companion; the first week at Tamworth, and the second in North Conway. I noticed two pines which I never saw in this region. I called one *P. resinosa*; I had seen it the year before at Ausable Chasm. The other seemed like *P. mitis*, but that would be out of its region & I guess I was wrong; it was more likely *P. Banksiana*.

What do you think of a *Valerianella* in Springfield? We have found *V. radiata* near the railroad, — caught it upon its travels. I will send you some seeds now, for they prove the species, and I can give you an entire specimen too if you want me.

A small thing indeed the *weediest* looking plant I ever came across; it looks like something degenerated almost out of existence — a hereditary pauper of the vegetable world.

I don't know about your Mt. Monadnock goldenrod, for I do not take the Bulletin. I liked it in the old times when it was light & popular in its character, but of late years much of it has been beyond me, and when I was going abroad I stopped taking it. I have just looked through the genus in the new Manual to see if you had any species, variety or form credited to you. I have noticed your name in some other parts of the book, — what I think of now is a Utricularia found in Barnstable, *U. biflora*. Perhaps it may gladden some collector's heart in Nantucket some time. The seaside Goldenrod, *S. sempervirens*, was blooming right along when I was on the island — the plants hoary with

Springfield Nov. 25 - 1892

My dear Mr. Deane,

We must indeed straighten out the Hudsonia affair. When I see the plant in the growing season, I know the two species almost at first sight by their color; if I look at a pressed specimen, the flowers, whether stalked or sessile, give a quick means of deciding, but the plants that I saw in North Conway were old and dark-colored, and had no flowers. I say there were no flowers, more properly my specimens had none. We were driving home after an excursion of some hours when I saw this patch and got my daughter to get out of the carriage & bring me some of it; she made no search for flowers or fruit, and I didn't care for any — Hudsonia or not Hudsonia was the only

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Correspondence a hundred years old. I have read the Life & Letters of Sir J. E. Smith with great pleasure. The letters took me right into the life & times of the writers — and all were so kindly & pleasant, but no more so than those of the botanists of the present day.

I made a trip to Cambridge a while ago, much like yours to Springfield last week (if you *did* come to the ball games!). I went to attend the Christening party of the Cantabrigia Club, — took a short time to run over to the museum and see the glass flowers again, and was fortunate enough to meet Dr. Goodale there and have a little talk with him. How full of interest the museums are! *Happy* the Cambridge people who can visit them often. I wonder if they use their privileges.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen

thing I cared for, and if it grew there right by the roadside I thought very likely it was common in those parts. I consulted my Manuals & find in the sixth edition that "H. *tomentosa*" had been found in Conway, *Maine*. Is not this *Maine* a slip of the pen I feel sure. Conway, Maine is in Aroostook Co. and who went botanizing up there before 1848? In the fifth edition this inland location is not mentioned, but in the sixth, *H. ericoides* is credited to it. I meant to look it up for myself, but when I wrote to you I called it *ericoides*, as I supposed the Manual was right; I have soaked a piece now and looked at it under the glass, and I do think the leaves are subulate rather than oval, and so I should call it *ericoides* and yet yours is certainly *tomentosa*. — I dare say I am wrong; if I could take my specimens down to the City Library and compare with the two species in our Society Herbarium, but I shall not take the time to do this. I know you will make a more patient study of what I send you, and I shall accept your decision.

I will send you the "Valerianella" soon.

I am glad to hear from Dr. Murray; I suppose he is *very* happy in his work at Columbia College. How is Judge Churchill? Does he keep up his interest in botany and continue to collect for his herbarium?

I enjoy a botanical correspondence as you do — always such delightful news in *every* letter, — such a pleasant excitement I may say, much as people who are not botanists would laugh at the idea of there being anything *exciting* in our pursuits. I even enjoy a botanical

Springfield Dec. [illegible] '82

My dear Mr. [illegible],

I hope to [illegible] [illegible] but one long letter this winter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. I shall [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] weekly meetings of the Y.M.C. Society and find them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and thought it [illegible]. We see a good many interesting things in this society which is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], a good many novelties [illegible]. The most [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] including, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the other two months. There is no [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] organizations. This helps their meetings [illegible] the time that the [illegible] meetings [illegible].

I should like to know about
this [illegible] collection and so it
is evidently a leading name in British
or even Europe! — how do I come?
I hope [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]
for the Exhibition.

Yours with kind regards
[illegible]

P.S. If you could tell the '[illegible]
collection' please let me know. I [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — a
very careful and accurate catalogue.
[illegible]

Springfield, Apr. 7. 1898

Dear Mr. Deane,

I made Cross-sections myself & was satisfied about the [illegible], but I like to learn that you came to the same conclusion.

Our local botanists are looking forward with pleasure to the first meeting of our Bot. Society; two were here today. We have some good workers, and our meetings are always interesting. Glad to hear that all are well & busy at your end of the line. Can say the same for this end. Yours very truly M. L. Owen

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge - Mass.

Springfield
Sept. 10. 98.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send you a specimen of Pine, and would like to know what you call it. We think it is P. mitis, Michx., — don't see that it can be anything else, so we send it partly to show that this Pine grows with us, although the Manual mentions Staten Island as the most northern locality. Dr. Walter H. Chapin

otherwise the description matches the specimen.

I hope you had a pleasant vacation and found interesting plants. I think I have seen half a dozen at least entirely new to me in the past summer, although I did not collect them myself. They were sent by absent members of our Society. The dry weather has made our reservoirs very low, & Dr. Chapin reports one in Ludlow nearly dry, & just full of Lobelia Dortmanna, a pleasant sight as it never met his eyes before.

I hope your wife is quite well. With kind regards to both,

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen.

was out in Ludlow which borders on Springfield, the other day, and noticed two Pine trees that looked strange to him and cut off the tip of a branch, which he brought to our botanical society yesterday and which I now send along. The trees were about fifty feet high, and were in a location where it was very certain they were spontaneous.

I will send ~~you~~ an Equisetum too, E. hyemale L. I am quite sure. Still I like to have your opinion. The specimens in one bunch are from central New York, and in the other from our own neighborhood, but I think the species are identical.

I should add about the pine, that the "prickles" which the Manual mentions on the cone scales are wanting, but as they ~~were~~ are "weak" they have probably got rubbed off.

Springfield Dec. 8. '93

My dear Mr. Deane,

At this rather late day I will reply to your last letter. You must be right about the pine, for if it is called P. resinosa in the Gray Herbarium, there is no appeal. I find it is not described in the Manual so that one can identify a specimen beyond doubt. Under Pinus, section 2 is divided according to the cones.
* Cones lateral, [illegible]
** Cones terminal &c.
The cones of my specimen

The meetings of our Botanical Society have closed for this season, but we started with enthusiasm for next summer. We hope to have a better room for our meetings next year, one with tables where we can put our specimens and have a microscope. [illegible] the club meets, we [illegible] on the [illegible] and cannot take out the specimens in [illegible] of [illegible] — a pretty state of things!

I am glad your wife is so much better. Please give her my kind regards, and with thanks for your kind attention to my queries,

I am Yours very truly,
Maria L. Owen

[illegible] to Dr. Chapin & me
[illegible], and of the leaves [illegible]
in two we [illegible] it a [illegible].
[illegible] all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
but the young [illegible] of this years
growth were [illegible]. In [illegible]
was the [illegible] tip of the [illegible]
[illegible] them. I [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] the specimens, and will
[illegible] on the young [illegible] and
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
me the credit of the find,
but it was Dr. Chapin who
[illegible] the tree — [illegible], I think
in [illegible], [illegible]. [illegible]
question your decision, but

if it [illegible] [illegible] instead
a [illegible]-eyed [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible] (and Dr. Chapin
[illegible]) [illegible] you think it
[illegible] [illegible]?

[illegible] [illegible] to have [illegible]
Dr. [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] that
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
look rather different from the
usual form, [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] Dr. [illegible] the Kentucky
[illegible] who has published a
book on [illegible]?

very satisfactorily, but it has
made me a little tired & so
very sleepy that I hardly know
what words are running out
of my pen, so I will bid
you Good night & stop.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen

Springfield Oct. 21. 1893.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have an entirely new series to send before you; some flowers that I had named from their photographs. Only two however of this set, — Nos. 3 & 7. I send the rest just for your pleasure; I think they are so pretty in their arrangement & so well taken.

The photographer is Mr. [illegible] of New York a friend of my son's; he is to be called an amateur I suppose, as this work is his recreation while aside from his regular business, but with his natural taste & capability and his long practice, his work is equal to that of most who make it their profession.

One must be very familiar with the

Compositae to name one from a picture. — no opportunity to see the important characters from receptacle pappus ray flowers involucre &c.
Can it be Helenium autumnale? The disk is rounded I should say, and the whole flower has the aspect of our garden Heleniums.

No. 7 looks like a Silene or a Lychnis but I think I never saw the flower — I don't find any description that fits it. I know nothing whatever about its growth or color or habitat. Then the others from 1 to 6 (omitting 3) — I should like to know what you call them, though I have put names upon all of them. I think I know the grass No. 2 though the leaves on the flower stalk — the upper leaves standing out so stiffly — don't look natural to me and I never observed that curious thing about their direction; perhaps I am not right in my name. Then the grass is No. 5. Considering its height — place of growth I think I can place it accurately, — no not accurately but still correctly — I should like to know what you call it —

I send these along without waiting for a reply to my last letter, but it is not to hurry you. And don't hurry to return these either, keep them till you have a little leisure to lecture on the two. I have shown No. 7 to all the botanists here, in vain, so I send it to you because you have the advantage of a pretty complete herbarium and may have this very thing in it —

I walked miles this afternoon in our Forest Park — went to bid autumn goodbye, and also it —

Springfield, Dec. 23. 1898

Dear Mr. Deane,

When you write again please tell in your letter who Dr. Robinson is. Is it John Robinson of Salem? I knew him many years ago as plain Mr., & then when he succeeded Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] of History in the [illegible] etc. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] to the place. And, secondly, I want to know particularly whether you can tell ~~[illegible]~~ Hieracium venosum from H. [illegible] by the photographs. Color would settle the point, and Mr. [illegible] can tell me that, but I want to know whether there are [illegible] in the photographs which would distinguish the two species and which [illegible] expert can detect.

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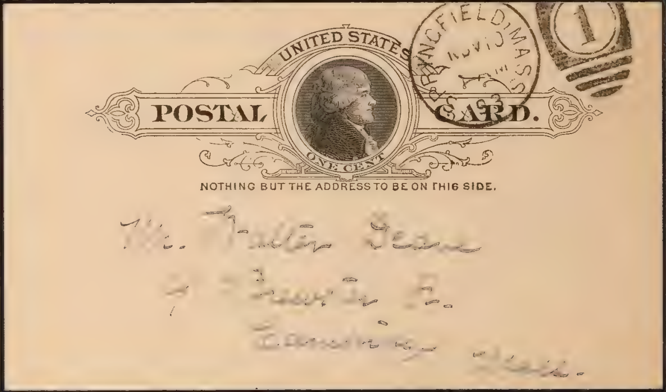

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge Mass.

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I will enclose a [illegible] time [illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible]

One of our members [illegible]

[illegible] in the Amherst Catalogue [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours very truly

[illegible]

Springfield Dec. 22, 1893

My dear Mr. Deane,

Perhaps I can do something toward the certain identification of the supposed E. acicularis, as you will see when I tell you where it grows. I think it is not uncommon here, may be found in the pool edge of any of our ponds, though I have collected it in two only. The specimens that I sent you came from Forest Park, and that part of the park given to the city by Mr. Barney, subject to his control during his lifetime. It is his delight to spend a good deal of his ample income every year in improving and adorning this portion of the grounds, and the work is done under his own

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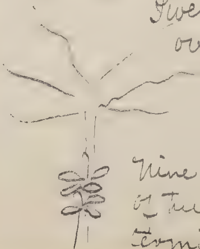
house now a good specimen of Picea nigra, and a perfect beauty of the same, var. rubra. The latter has thirty-nine cones on it, three of which may be called terminal & the others lateral. It may be that they have become lateral by the extension of the stem after the cones were formed, i.e. by the growth of an innovation, but the Manual does not say so, and to the ordinary student, the cones are clearly & simply lateral. Besides, I will show you by a drawing how some of them grow.



Twenty-six cones scattered over these branches.

Nine cones growing directly out of the stem: these were never terminal I should say.

supervision. His own house is in the grounds, so that he can easily keep the run of everything. My plan is to show him this plant which grows so abundantly in one of his ponds (perhaps in all of them) and tell him how it puzzles the botanists because it won't bloom, and then ask him to let me take some of it out of the water and set it out in some muddy place, and to look after it a little himself, — just enough to see that it is not disturbed. I feel very sure that he will be kind enough to do that, and my expectation is that the thing will change its habit and conduct itself like the terrestrial form of E. acic. (if such it really is) and flower & fruit. Is not that a hopeful scheme? I shall go down there sometimes, though not as often as I should like to, for the Park is far from here, and it is a long walk from the place where we leave the electric cars to the ponds, — all artificial ones, by the way, made on purpose to raise water plants. Two are full of lotuses; I am sure their flowers can be counted by the thousand all summer long. In others there are water lilies, seven kinds at least, arrow-head too, double-flowering as well as single — The pond that I drew my plants out of has a few lilies in it, and Cardinal flower and other semi-aquatics on the edge.

I hope Dr. Robinson will look up Picea too in regard to the position of the cones. I have in the

The type, *nigra* has two or three terminal and the rest, a dozen perhaps, lateral. But in all the cases where the cones are now terminal, may it not be from arrested development of the shoot on which they grow? If the tip comes to nothing, it leaves the fruit terminal which started as a lateral growth.

Mr. Batchelder pointed out these things to me, and Dr. Chapin tells me a similar story of Chamaecyparis. I have not a specimen at hand just now, but I know he found ~~but~~ the position of one kind of the catkins different from the description. The Manual speaks of them all, without discrimination as terminal.

As a little Christmas remembrance I send you one of Mr. Hine's photographs. I call it the Common dandelion though the leaf looks more like that of the Leontodon, the Autumnal Dandelion.

All the good wishes of the season go with it to you and your wife from

Your sincere friend,
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield Dec. 23. 1893

Dear Mr. Deane,

This follows my letter to carry my thanks for the pretty little calendar. The flower on the outside looks like something! A Silene perhaps, certainly something of that family. A botanist can't put up with a generalization or an impossibility, can he? I will think of you whenever I use the "handy little thing" for a whole year. Yours truly M. L. Owen.

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
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[illegible]

[illegible]

day. I think more of the [illegible]
[illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] it.

I had a friend to carry
[illegible] Mr. [illegible]'s [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible], and [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] has already
[illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] on the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]?
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]? I [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

error in the new [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to me. It is the
habitat of [illegible] [illegible],
p. 347. "Sandy sea-shore of Nan-
tucket, Mass. and Portsmouth, N.H."
I never knew [illegible] the [illegible] grew
in Portsmouth, [illegible] [illegible] it there in
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] – the [illegible]
"Grows on the [illegible] sea-shore in
Massachusetts, – abounds in salt marshes,
Mr. Oakes." Perhaps my eyes are
so [illegible], for I [illegible] that I never
were all [illegible] [illegible], but I am
ready to be convinced [illegible] [illegible]
from a [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible].

Have you seen that story in "[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] What is coming next? [illegible]

Yours very truly

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

in the [illegible]: but I like its
change, and it is wonderfully beautiful—
the light, the coloring and the
[illegible] vegetation! Then I have been
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] for its [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and if I
had known this in that this
[illegible], before I ever [illegible] as
had it to, I would have
known the [illegible] of line—

I am pleased to hear of
Judge Churchill again. I
have often wondered if you
kept up any [illegible] when
[illegible] [illegible] together, and yet
when I [illegible] writing I didn't
think to inquire after him.

I found something the other
day. Then I must have been
within a time ago — in about
line in an eclogue of Virgil's
with Orpheus in it.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].

Now I can say one of the
Eclogues and read them all
through accurately from time
to time of their [illegible] [illegible]
and their very [illegible] [illegible]—
and I wonder that I had not
noticed this before. Of course
the recurrence of one word
in one line would be enough
to prove its [illegible], but I [illegible]
to have [illegible], and now I have

Springfield Mar. 21, 1884

My dear Mr. Deane,

You will see by the enclosed that I wrote to Dr. [illegible] and I hasten to comply with his wish. The letter came this afternoon. You will see that you can [illegible] twelve or thirteen years [illegible] his age as you supposed and it is quite in his favor to be only 65 instead of nearly [illegible]. He wrote to me last fall about the Eleocharis acicularis and in the letter he told me

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second week will prove exactly suited, for instructing those about town [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] in an [illegible] period of the year. This is nothing new in it to me to avoid [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] – [illegible] – The month more and I shall be remain- ing my [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible].

Yours with kind regards,

[illegible] [illegible].

P.S. [illegible] the enclosure to be returned.

about his work at Columbia College, the excursions that he made into the country every week — e. g. — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] "[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] upon me." I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] —

I wrote to a friend of mine Mrs. Prescott [illegible] [illegible], about that little [illegible], and was quite surprised to find that she knew of me [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — There is one [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]? [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

however that the [illegible] [illegible] was in Osterville?) [illegible] [illegible] more [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] —

I have a quiet little book on my table — "Talks about the flowers in the order of their appearance in the Woods & Fields" by Mrs. Wm. Starr Dana. Her earlier book "How to Know the Wild Flowers" proved very [illegible] to those, amongst people who go into the country & really care for the flowers — want to know their names but who could hardly [illegible] use a botanical manual. This

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

HAWK TREE FARM,
RAILROAD STATION AND ADDRESS,
READVILLE, MASS
Berkshire Swine, Small Yorkshire Swine
Holstein Cattle, Dairy Products.

two of these, but I shall have
one, and I will manage for you to
see it.

No. 1. Is this a new? and what
species? I thought it looked like a
pressed specimen that I have of
S. marginalis. Are the two heads
at the top — same Carex?

They look some like
this, but I cannot
detect, even
with a microscope the setaceous
bracts in the photograph, and I think
I know another Carex with much
smaller heads, that the picture is
more like. I don't know the name
of either, though I have studied them
some. No. 2. two kinds of Carex
and No. 2. perhaps three kinds. —
The only way of identifying them at this season of the year would
be by the help of herbarium

Springfield May 1. 1894

My dear Mr. Deane,

I know that our dear
friend is gone, — Mrs.
Whitten sent me word the day
after his death. I've missed him
more than I, of course, can, but it
seems as if a good deal had gone
out of my life with him, although
I so seldom saw him. I
always hoped that he would go
to Nantucket again, — "the lonely
island" as he so well called it
in that letter to me from there;
I'd have sent so many little [illegible]
& little ones of water too, that he
had not seen, & they were very
promising little [illegible] & ready for
water too. I am glad [illegible]

know of his sad condition in Florida, and that I had the privilege of doing a little to cheer him up there. I wrote a second time, but I think the letter could not have reached the hospital till after he had left it, and if it followed him to Boston it reached there too late for him to read it. If you know anything of interest about his journey from the South, and his last days, I shall be glad to hear it.

If I ever have an opportunity I will ask Mrs. Talcott for one of the small Nymphaea, but she is a woman with her hands full of many cares, especially for those some at the South this winter or on the Pacific coast. She has her

answered my last letter. He was never-well I am sure, but I harbor no ill-will against him for that.

The Garden and Forest article was seen so far back, but perhaps I will look it up sometime.

I send you some more of Mr. Horne's photographs for you to take one on the [illegible], then you have a picture home for it. He does not ask out of idle curiosity, but he has a plan of making a little work in Mr. Dana's style for which I write the descriptions. This is not for publication, and the descriptions will be type-written not printed. It is one of the many such things which he is always getting up and illustrating with photography. Perhaps he will make one

These sheets, because one is so much thinner than the other. I've cut my drops, [illegible] way; Mr. H. [illegible] too [illegible]. I return one to you with the names of the plants on the back of the other ones. The photograph with the variety on it is a real puzzle — don't spend an undue amount of time on it.

I send the sheet of No. [illegible] I think it is a [illegible]; I like the [illegible] one best, [illegible] the other may be easier to pronounce [illegible]. Can it be a Bush-Clover — Lespedeza? L. hirta or L. capitata? [illegible] forms at all. Do you call [illegible] butter-and-eggs in [illegible] Does Linaria vulgaris have such a branching inflorescence?

6 is a Desmodium plant, — perhaps Dillenii or paniculatum but I do not suggest the species with any confidence.

7 is an Allium. A. vineale? Perhaps a western species that does not extend to our region. And finally I return the Day Lily with Mr. Jones' comments. ~~He~~ It seems as if he didn't quite understand what I meant by "escaped from cultivation" although I added that it was often found by the roadside and in places where now no house was to be seen. I still think it is Hemerocallis fulva, but I am surprised to learn it is so thoroughly established on the banks of the [illegible] I have always seen it in dry places, but perhaps it is an amphibious thing in its native habitat. Do you

see any cause for changing your mind about it?

I shall value your opinion about this new set of photographs very much, and hope that with the help of your herbarium you can name them each; if not I shall have to wait till the various plants come along & then compare the living specimens with the pictures. I send you an interesting sketch of Mr. & Mrs. Lemmon from a California paper.

The meetings of our Botanical Society have begun; we mean to review the grasses and Cyperaceae of our region during this season, but of course we do not neglect anything new that comes in our way. I found quite a large patch of [illegible] [illegible] this week, never reported within the limits of Springfield before. But I have surely written enough for one time, so I will close with kind regards to your wife as well as yourself. Yours very truly Maria L. Owen.

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specimens, and I could find these in my small set. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. No. 4. Can this unknown one be [illegible] [illegible]? I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to set in the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], but I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] for instance, or [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. For 3 I have no guess, or for the two 4's. 5 looks like the enlargement often seen in the stems of a certain goldenrod, caused by an insect, but this slender, leafless stalk has no resemblance to a goldenrod. I [illegible] two [illegible]

Springfield, May 26-1894-

My dear Mr. Deane,

I mail herewith the [illegible] specimens [illegible] I call [illegible], [illegible] descriptions of [illegible], with so little in the way of distinction [illegible] the intermediate [illegible] undulate [illegible] of the latter, [illegible] The numerous [illegible] head [illegible] than I certainly [illegible]

was [illegible]. ~~[illegible]~~ they were [illegible] (our bot. society) [illegible] little [illegible] and I have written [illegible] particulars — [illegible] &c.

I think I can find [illegible] as I told them. [illegible] my letter and guess that [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] I should like to know your name [illegible] the edge of the [illegible] lawn.

June 1- I resume my letter & say that I could not find the Carex named above; they had been mowing as I feared. I grow more & more doubtful about my

Stamens for its [illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] I could [illegible]
[illegible]. Was it an abnormal
[illegible] [illegible]
or a *Trillium* or *intermedium*?
And is the [illegible] a true [illegible]
[illegible]? I [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible]
6 [illegible]
in [illegible].

Talking about abnormal [illegible],
I [illegible]
more interesting and [illegible]
of a Trillium which I [illegible]
Grandiflorum, although the flowers
are hardly a fifth of the size
of the blooms of that handsome
species. The petals [illegible]
[illegible] three
[illegible] the middle; one petal in

[illegible] two [illegible], and two [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible]
leaves [illegible]
[illegible] between the normal and
[illegible] three leaves. The flowers are
[illegible] leaves
[illegible] and the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] green [illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible] middle. The
[illegible] three abnormal [illegible],
[illegible] two of them together; the
~~[illegible]~~ third [illegible] of the [illegible]
of the flower, and [illegible] middle [illegible]
with the sepals & petals. In this flower
there were only two stamens and one of
the stamens was abortive. I call the
odd thing grandiflorum because the
normal whorl of leaves [illegible]
than three leaves [illegible]

Lepidium. I have just opened the package, & put in another specimen collected a mile or two from Forest Park where the others grew; you will know it by its being rootless. It broke in my hand as I was trying to pull it up, while the Park specimens were very tough. I noticed too that this had not the rosette of leaves at the base of the stalk which the Park specimens had, but these differences may be unimportant.

I agree with you about having a bit of the plant to help us in naming Mr. Hine's photographs, and perhaps I will speak of it if I ever have a chance. He is a young man of about my son's age, and Walter hopes to bring him up to Springfield some time, on one of his own short business trips; but Mr. Hine is a business man too, & has not yet been able to get away ~~it~~ at Walter's time. My son has known him for years, but I have not seen him yet. I will manage for you to see my book when I get it, — I know it will be nice.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, June 12-1894

Dear Mr. Deane,

I shall send you today Lepidiums from the same localities as before, and they are about two miles apart. I could not easily get the roots of the first set, they grew in such stiff clay, but I don't suppose you care, and where the plants were very large I took only branches of the maturest pods — only one from each plant.

How shall I direct to the Gazette? I don't take it. If you the think the Trillium story would interest its readers I am willing enough to send it. M.L.O.

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge Mass.

383 Union Street.

Springfield, July 19, 1894

My dear Mr. Deane,

I wrote to the Gazette about that Trillium and had a postal card today saying that the article would be published as soon as possible. It was *Trillium* *cernuum* I was satisfied after I told you about it.

How much work you have done on your herb. since October! 2234 sheets would make quite a nice little herb. by themselves. Have you room on a sheet for Bot. matricariaefolium from Springfield? I have two nice specimens that I have been saving for you a long time;- they are about ten inches high and have good roots-

are beauties while all are interesting. The notes about color and other characters are fuller than the previous ones and so more helpful.

I spent part of a hot day a week ago, looking through a collection of Hepaticae that I have had about twenty years. As that family, or sub-class as I ought to say, is included in the new manual, I thought I would see what material I had for study. I was much pleased with what I found. The collection came to me at the death of my old friend John L. Russell, and perhaps half of the specimens were collected by him; the rest by Prof. Edward Tuckerman, Wm. S. Sullivant, Oakes, T. G. Lea + B. D. Greene; and a few others less known. The collection is small, only 24 genera represented, but it would give a student a fine start, and I only wish I had

You wanted to know what Mr. Hine, the photographer called a plant that you decided was Oenothera biennis; he called it just the same, — it was in fruit only, as you may remember. It was in a group of six plants; 1 & 3 this Oenothera, 2, Amphicarpaea climbing up a weed, (blackberry stalk, Mr. Hine said,) 4, Asclepias, 5, Allium Canadense, and × Moth Mullein. I am trying to recall it to your memory on account of the Allium Canadense, because Mr. Hine has something to say about it; I will enclose his letter which you need not return. And I may as well let you see the picture again, for that Allium may have some enemy that eats into the head and, stopping its development, causes it to dry & look like a gall or something of that sort. I should like to know what you think about it. Mr. Hine writes as if the names came from me alone, but he knew who my helpers were, and I had told him how eminently qualified you & Dr. Robinson & Prof. Bailey were to pronounce upon the pictures. When I replied to the enclosed I said that you all might have been mistaken about the Allium (so-called) but he could be sure the sedges were all right — there was no appeal from Prof. Bailey about those, he was the Supreme Court of the U.S. in his own person for such cases.

Mr. Hine sent me some more prints taken this year, and if you want to see them and pronounce upon my names, I will send them to you. I think they are rather easier than the last set, and some of them time to take hold of it. Mr. Russell valued Oakes's contributions very highly and wrote his name with special emphasis and distinction. Sometimes it was OAKES and if not so it was Oakes. Then there was usually this title (abbreviated) Cl: — "Cl: W. OAKES". What does it mean? It is Latin, I imagine, for the remarks added to the names of the specimens were usually in Latin. Was Oakes a clergyman?

I hope you are where it is cool and comfortable; I am going to try to get away with my daughter soon for a little trip in Vermont, but you can direct here as usual.

The little girl who found the Trilliums wrote to me that she looked for variations in Houstonia Caerulea last Spring and found a great many with more than the four normal divisions of the Corolla, — one had eighteen, and her father found one with nine. She sent at the same time a box of Rudbeckia hirta, about 40 specimens, and every one a monstrosity. Many had tubular ray flowers, some had rays growing out of the disk anywhere, and so on, — each a study. But it is high time for me to say Good night which I do this minute.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

pictures, — he is too amiable and sensitive on that. I am not fully informed as to what he means to do with the pictures; he modifies his plan I think as he goes on, but whatever it turns out in the end you shall be sure to see it.

I shall be glad if Dr. Robinson finds the Lepidiums of any use; when he has decided on the species all that I want is a specimen of each with his label, that I may put them into our Society herbarium with the authority of his name.

The Botrychiums are at home — will send them after vacation when you are back in Cambridge.

My last words are for you not to spend much time over these pictures, except

~~182 Union Street~~

that I add for the *lastest* of all, kind regards to you and your wife who has I hope long been in her usual good health.

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen.

Pittsford Mills. Vt.
July 30. '894

My dear Mr. Deane,

It seems quite curious — not that you should be related to Mr. E. L. Greene, but that the fact should come out from my work on the Legacies that last Sunday. Mr. Russell gave me all his ferns by his will, and amongst them were several collected by Mr. Greene, in France if I recollect; I put them all into our little Bot. Society herbarium.

My daughter and I are spending a week in this quiet country place; we see the Green Mountains all round us and a branch of Otter Creek flows by only a few rods from our front door. We are *very* comfortable in the farmhouse where we are boarding, but all is very different from the place in which your fortunate lines have fallen.

I think I will send the last set of blue prints now, because I have more time to write about them than I shall have after I get home; if you mean to make any critical determination about them with the help of your herbarium you will have to put them down in the bottom of your trunk out of the way till you have time for that. I know your thoroughness and that you would hardly feel satisfied with a good guess, and yet that is all I want of you. Mr. Hine is running now to picturesque groups and consequently the component parts grow smaller in his pictures, — too small to spend time upon, but he does not expect the name of every little thing that he puts in — only of the principal ones.

I wrote to him yesterday and asked if his pictures when merely printed and finished (these are only proofs) are for use in identifying flowers or merely for beauty. If the former I told him they ought to be on a larger scale, — that in many cases with the right flower in hand, it would take the trained eye of a botanist to see that it was identical with the print.

I told him too of a very easy way of keeping little bits of his plants after he had photographed them, to send along with a set — if he does send any more. It would be as much out of the question for him to press and label each specimen in proper botanical style as for me to use his camera, but he will heed what I said, and he certainly does not want undue time spent over his

14-
Solanum Dulcamara
Not even a guess for the labiate; it is too small for anybody to work over.

15- Carex lurida

16. Desmodium paniculatum?

The names in this are as they appear in ed. 5 of the Manual, the only one I have with me.

I am not always sure of the name when I have omitted the interrogation point, still have a good deal of confidence in my decision.

1. Delphinium Consolida
Anthoxanthum odoratum.

2. D. Consolida
Lonicera sempervirens
There is one of these honeysuckles at the door here, and it compares very well with this picture; the barren shoots do not show the connate upper leaves of the flowering shoots.
I cannot guess what plant it is twining round, but it isn't worth while to bother over a flowerless thing, or grasses as obscure as those in this print, or the little bit of a flower I have marked X

3- D. Consolida
Phleum pratense
Lonicera sempervirens twining round
Rosa Carolina.

4. Rumex — obtusifolius?

5- Lepidium — species not important

6. Carex - I send a specimen collected here which looks to me like the print — vulpinoidea?

7. 1. Erigeron strigosum -

2. This looks like no Solidago that I can call to mind; - has more the aspect of an Erigeron - I wonder how E. annuum with its toothed leaves would look before it was budded.

8- Poa pratensis? not important.

Dactylis glomerata -

9. Desmodium acuminatum?

Poa pratensis?

10- Allium ——

Panicum latifolium?

11- Scirpus subterminalis?

Carex lurida

12- Lysimachia stricta

The twiner looks like Calystegia sepium at the very top, and I see but two other leaves on its stalk - have marked them X. Perhaps it is one of the twining Polygonums. Name not important.

I think the grass has the aspect of Holcus lanatus.

13- 1. Verbena urticifolia

2- Silene stellata?

3. Maruta Cotula -

(over)

Springfield, Mass- Aug-10-1894-

My dear Mr. Deane,

Sometime when you are writing to me, please tell me what this pretty little thing which I enclose is. It looks to me more like Azolla than anything else, but what business has Azolla in our waters? My opinion, however, about Cryptogams below the ferns, is hardly worth mentioning I know so little of them, but I am going to get an instrument tomorrow if I have time, that is more powerful than my dissecting microscope, and see if I can find any fruit.

I came home from Vermont last Monday, — didn't find a single new plant while I was away, but I didn't go up to the rich botanizing regions.

Hope you are having a nice time.

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen

383 Union Street.

Springfield Aug. 14. 1894.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am much obliged for the little L. inundatum; I mean to look for it here, we have sand enough & bogs, and I dare say the two combined. I have known the variety in Nantucket from my very childhood.

I kept my little Cryptogam awhile & then pressed it; I will enclose a sheet & show you how it came out. I found it in a Lotus pond in the Park, — it was abundant enough there, but I never saw it anywhere else. I showed it in its fresh state at our Botanical

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about, I always arranged our Calendars myself and embellished them as I pleased, and the quotations this year show what I have much at heart always, — the improvement of this world which is still a sorrowful abode for too many of its people.

My little book makes a nice cover for the botanical specimen, and will protect it well I think from the stamping that it must have on its way to you.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Society and our Mr. Stebbins said that he saw it in a pond at the other end of the town, filled up now, thirty years ago, - had never seen it since. I got the microscope that I mentioned, but could not see any fruit. The plant looks a good deal like the plate of Azolla in the Manual, but has not the rootlets shown there and mentioned in the description.

You did not send me *your* paper on Dr. Morong, and I want to see it *very* much. You knew him well and could write appreciatingly of him. Good man! I am glad to remember the two weeks that I spent in the same house with him in Nantucket. He was called to bear great suffering, but not what Prof. Bailey has been through. This of his seems the most terrible I ever heard of. I hope he is not going to lose his eyesight, and that he will soon be well again.

I had a very pleasant time in Vermont, and as *you* surmised, rest is always acceptable to me. I thought that when I resigned the presidency of the Sp. Women's Club I should have much leisure, but no signs of it yet. I was president for ten years, that is, from the beginning till the last annual meeting in May. I will send you the Calendar for the coming year. The quotations with which it is embellished are ~~are~~ all that you will care

[illegible]

[illegible] and this would naturally [illegible]

[illegible] — [illegible]

[illegible]

One of the members of our society,

---

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] — I will send

[illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible]?

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible] perfectly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] could not [illegible] in [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the specimen.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Pittsfield in this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] able to name. Mrs. Dana, the author of "How to Know the Wild Flowers" has been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] in an [illegible]
Britain, that it is [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], I [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible], and not [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible]
the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] that time; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], that I [illegible] [illegible]
to be [illegible] to [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and I [illegible]
to say you are right" or, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
"it doesn't [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
he will have to try again", I [illegible] [illegible] it
my [illegible], — I have a strong [illegible] feeling
for your [illegible].

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]; my [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. 23. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] for the coming year.

Yours very truly
[illegible]

Springfield, Sept. 2 - 1894

My dear Mr. Deane,

The last week has brought me three very interesting plants, — *Tillaea* above all. Next that was followed by a plant from the [illegible] sent for a name. I will enclose it and see if you agree with me in calling it *Crepis biennis*. Then I heard of an odd thing in the Park, and went to find it yesterday, — I brought that home & call it *Picris hieracioides*; its little forks are cunning enough. I thought that the hairs looked *three* forked sometimes, but I can't insist on that.

I heard at the last meeting of

P.S. I was going to send the Botrychiums today but I can't find them - I wonder if I have already sent them to [illegible] the "Bot.-Exc." that the Pittsfield Scabious was *Scabiosa australis*, and that somebody had written about it twice for the "Boston Journal of Popular Science and ——— News" — one word of the title forgotten by my informant. One article in the year 1872, the other in 1873 both to be found by the index. I shall look it up soon.

Mrs. Robinson has not told me yet the locality of the plant, but I have asked her for it. Perhaps the Cryptogam is a foreigner and came in with the lotus roots which were doubtless imported; if a native I should think some of those A.A.A.S. botanists would have known it. I don't see why they didn't send me a sheet or two of the Gazette, containing my article — I thought that was the custom.

Yours in great haste M. L. Owen.

Springfield Sep. 3-1894.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have just received this from Mrs. Robinson! Does it look anything like the specimen in wool? Has she sent you a plant like this for *Tillaea*? It does not answer the description, looks like one of the Pink family and I believe it is a minute specimen of *Buda* *rubra* (L) Dumort. I don't want to dissect this under the glass & spoil it, but if I should do it, I think the seeds would tell the story in two minutes.— Look at that reflexed seedvessel! So far *Tillaea* is nowhere?

a series of surprises to all connected with it. Please return the specimen and tell me your opinion as soon as convenient and then I will write to Mrs. R—

Yours very truly
and in *such* haste—
Maria L. Owen

P.S. Was the first in wool Tillaea?!!

Nothing to be taken for granted from that quarter!

This is the Piece and
Enough to show the Character.
I have better specimens in bear-
plant with branches two feet
or more in length, spreading all
round from the base. The middle
seemed to have been cut out, but
there was a large plant left
with three branches rising 18' or
more from the ground - Pieces

was taken from the lower part
of a flowering stem - I saw
a number, all just alike -

M. L. O.

its name. Some years after our friend Mr. J. H. Redfield, visiting in [illegible], came across it and carried some to Philadelphia where in his garden [illegible] of Wherein he found it was *Scabiosa australis*. Since then it has been reported from [illegible] Co. N.Y. and some other in Pennsylvania and I think from some other place so that it may be a true native. All this happened last year & is reported in the "Bot. Gazette" [illegible] "Journal of Botany", but the lady, unknown to me, who sent the plant to one of the members of our [illegible]. Starts up now and says that she [illegible] it five years ago.

I am decidedly of the opinion that Mrs. Robinson's names should be [illegible] specimens, but I fear that I could [illegible] them. I meant to *give* you the [illegible] [illegible] and I think it was good in you to send it back, but since I have [illegible] again I am much disposed to hold on to

383 Union Street.

Springfield [illegible] 11. 1894

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have [illegible] letter of [illegible] and [illegible] them in order. Mrs. Robinson did *not* tell me of the names that she [illegible] although the [illegible] I [illegible] mention it in [illegible] those that I [illegible] to the Gazette [illegible] her discovery.

I have not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] me a [illegible] of the [illegible], but I think it might to have one hundred more names or ninety at least because it is only the true natives that are worth putting on record, and I doubt whether there

~~[illegible]~~ will be [illegible] of them in [illegible]
[illegible] discoveries — we [illegible] it
they are flourishing [illegible], I think —
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the flowers [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] — and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I
[illegible] you? you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] would not cover it. — I
took two branches [illegible] to the main
stalk. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to see any in flower, for it
[illegible] be a perennial or biennial at
least, judging from its size, and its [illegible]
hold of the ground.

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] I have [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]? I [illegible] [illegible]
I [illegible], as I cannot [illegible] my [illegible]-
[illegible] [illegible] I am [illegible] to go to
your [illegible].

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] — the [illegible], [illegible]
for two years and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — I [illegible]
looking at Prof. Underwood [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible]
and [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the one I [illegible] [illegible].

I have [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of reputation, I not
personally [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

it till I get another. As you offer to verify the little thing I will return it for that purpose. I have known "[illegible]" by some one of its many names as long as I have known anything — the cunning little thing, its spoon shaped petals were the delight of my earliest childhood & I feel sure that Mr. R.'s plant is this, although in favorable circumstances it will spread out its branches several inches from the centre.

I want your opinion on one more of Mr. Hine's pictures. Three or four of my botanical friends tell me that the plant in the middle is an abnormal growth of *Solidago bicolor* but they do not convince me though I am not prepared with any other name myself. I know that this species of golden rod is liable to develop its axillary clusters of flowers into little long branches, and I admit that I have seen specimens with a few, — say four or five branches of considerable length, but never one with anything like this number. Besides Mr. Hine sent a specimen which

it will answer, and [I will put] it in a little [illegible]
to the S. [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] the
first [illegible] [illegible], and the [illegible]; the
Mr. [illegible]'s [illegible] to [illegible] a
[illegible] [illegible]; — [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] and [illegible]
me.

I have been so busy lately,
that I have not written [illegible]
even to thank you for the [illegible]!
but I shall [illegible] the same as [illegible].
[illegible] is a great [illegible],
as you may remember, but I shall ask
for directions [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and seek
[illegible] [illegible] the next time I [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible].

Yours very truly

Springfield, Oct. 1. 1874.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I enclose another Picris for a specific name. I see they have three species amongst the ballast plants of New York & Philadelphia, and this may prove one of them. There is P. *hieracioides* which we have in our Park, and P. *echioides*, L. and P. *hispida*. Also I was going to send you some specimens of the first this afternoon and the various labels that you want, but I found this not three hours ago, so I will wait till I can add the new one to the package. The most marked difference of the two species that we have is in the involucre — in this latter one double, and the five outer scales large and foliaceous, but the whole aspect of the two species is quite different- This new one is furnished pretty liberally with fine sharp spines in addition to the shorter barbed bristles. You will have to send me the name before I can make out the label, for I have no means of identifying it myself- It grew three miles or more from the other Bidens and looked quite at home on the grassy bank in private grounds where I detected it-

I am pleased to find that our little aquatic is a native of the U.S.- It is not quite at home with us as it shows by not fruiting and by being "slender" as Prof Underwood says, but it is a beauty with its neat, clean, little green rosettes all over the pond-

I received your notice of Dr. Morong and read it with pleasure and sadness both- It is very good, - so good and appreciative that I wished there was more of it- I am very much obliged for the little book-

Yours very truly, Maria L. Owen

Dr. Morong. Dr. Walter [illegible]
675 State St.
Springfield

Mr. Wm. [illegible] Batchelder
10 Thompson St.
Springfield.

Then if you can

I have another so well in mind. You might send one to Mrs. Farmer who ~~entertained~~ invited Dr. Morong & then will be in [illegible] for the sake and from her interest in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for this new [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with him. Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] would be pleased [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] attention from you, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to Mr. [illegible] [illegible] you can will have the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] the [illegible] again, [illegible] [illegible] one. I wonder if you noticed the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] scales — [illegible] I should call them [illegible]. You could [illegible] see their

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Springfield [illegible] 8 1914.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I shall send with this [illegible] a little later in a [illegible] of a few minutes, and I will enclose labels for the herbarium specimens. If you [illegible] [illegible] might [illegible] a [illegible] of Pieris [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]. I send two labels for each species though I know they use their own labels there. The specimen of [illegible] you can keep yourself, as the piece in the envelope will make up another for the [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] used to say. I have so much of [illegible] and a plenty of the other species.

After all the pains that we took

[illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] I find the name of that fearless, [illegible] all the English [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] else [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible], I [illegible] [illegible], quite by accident, described in the "[illegible]" of the [illegible] edition.

I have [illegible] a Calamagrostis [illegible] [illegible], quite [illegible] in one place. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] there is a [illegible] [illegible] could not [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] a "[illegible], [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]" [illegible], and the small one [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] near the [illegible] instead of "[illegible] the middle" of the [illegible] - I should like your opinion. [illegible] is a [illegible] [illegible] for a name. [illegible] found in [illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] growing [illegible] near a [illegible]. A week ago it was found [illegible] in a field [illegible] - from the [illegible] and [illegible] (near [illegible]) I [illegible] [illegible] in a [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] them.

The [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] I [illegible] so long. The [illegible] were [illegible] larger and [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] disappeared, and I [illegible] [illegible] in the course of [illegible] summer, [illegible] [illegible] me. [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] quite ordinary.

I [illegible] [illegible] would [illegible] to have your [illegible] [illegible] of beauty when they were all pressed and dry; they were ringed and all set on the leaves, and I wonder what their use is to the plant. It would be interesting to see what insects visit it in its native country and what it does to secure fertilization. I never saw the equal of the flower in elegance of outline, amongst the Compositae. I will make you a little picture of it though I am nothing of an artist, and have not the flower to draw from either.

Perhaps I am partial to my own discovery, but I do think any one would admire the flower, — The plant is a weedy looking thing.

This morning (Tuesday) the

specimens have reached me, all named. I am much obliged to you and Dr. Robinson - I wish I could find the other allied species here.

Dear Dr. Holmes is the continual background of my thoughts, and his death saddens every thing that I do, but if we stopped our daily routine for sorrow the whole world ~~will~~ would come to a stand-still. Hoping that all is well with you and yours

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

P.S. If I have forgotten anything that I promised you please let me know. M. L. O.

383 Union Street.

Springfield October 5. 1897

My dear Mr. Deane,

Mr. Batchelder is much pleased with your sketch of Dr. Morong and your kindness also in sending it; he wrote me a note of thanks for the part that he surmised I had had in it, and I suppose he has written to you too.

He brought more of this grass to the Society last week, and though he wasn't so sure that it was Calamagrostis, he didn't think it was Muhlenbergia, — I can't imagine why. Like you, I called it Muhlenbergia the instant I saw it, from its whole aspect, and M. Mexicana I am almost always as sure of as Poa annua, for instance — it grows in my own yard every year. There must be a veil over that Dr.'s eyes, or a film over his mind, for he is a careful and conscientious botanist, and usually accurate. I will put in one of [illegible] specimens that I think you will find it the same that I sent before.

I will remember to send seeds, as you desire in writing; if Dr. Robinson wants any for the [illegible] please let me know.

You sent me your notice of Dr. Watson, and I have that of Dr. Gray in the former edition.

As the Viola point was wandering I will speak of the combination that I called D. concolor — I rather think it is [illegible], and I don't believe I have any combination at all.

— Yours very truly [illegible]

383 Union Street.
Springfield Dec. 22. '94

Dear Mr. Deane

I am much obliged for the named photographs, and I was very glad to find that Dr. [illegible] was well enough to [illegible] pictures and write as much as ever.

I find your names agreeing with mine for the most part, and those differing, generally in the species, where you with your herbarium & [illegible] to me more likely to be right than I. Dr. [illegible]'s opinion upon the subject, even if only a guess, is valuable.

The plant that you call *[illegible] Canadense* doesn't look like that to me; I call it for myself, as I learned Dr. [illegible]'s picture of "Lobelia", and that is near enough for a picture on so small a scale.

[illegible] too.

I [illegible] know the [illegible] enclosed [illegible] all over the name; for me, the no trouble about it. I [illegible] the same in [illegible] It was *Aira caryophyllea* but I [illegible] it seems to a different genus entirely. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — it dropped out a [illegible] time. She said it [illegible] and she [illegible] whether it is native or foreign. You may throw it away — I don't value it

Ref. Dr. [illegible]
Madison
Wisconsin

If that is the address of the editor of the *Bot. Gazette* I may have put it into my address book, but I didn't think then of corresponding again.

The [illegible] weather and [illegible] gorgeous — we think our [illegible] will never [illegible] brilliant —

Yours very truly

[illegible]

[illegible]

If you want the exact date of the Allium I will get it & write on another label; it was in bloom in December.

Mr. Robinson has sent me another Lilläea and a true one this time – nice

Springfield
Dec. 24-1894

My dear Mr. Deane,

I had just mailed a little Christmas souvenir to you, and was about to begin this note when the pretty little calendar from you reached me. I send my thanks, and will take it into use a week from tomorrow.

I put up the ferns which I send you more than a week ago, and have been in a whirl ever since, and cannot tell now whether I wrote at the same time. If I did I have mislaid the letter or else I put it in with the ferns, but I can't believe that I did the letter, for I have a Puritan conscience and never so much as think of cheating ~~x~~ our Uncle Sam. Well the ferns were those long-lost Botrychiums that I promised you last summer; they came to light just in time to carry you my Christmas greetings. I will send you a 'label', but if R. & Br. is not the right authority, please, for my credit, destroy it quick, and I will send another. I have not the 6th ed. at hand, and you know the fern is not described in any previous one.

With all the good wishes of the season for yourself and wife

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

the summer every year with her husband and husband's niece; they are all botanists more or less and make out almost everything correctly, but when there are nice distinctions to be made they are not always right in their determinations- They call this *P. Nuttallii*, *Torr. + Gray*, but I don't feel sure myself- The specimen is poor and I had to steam + soak it off from the mounting paper, and I lost some leaves in the process, but perhaps you can tell what it really is- Mrs- Southworth tells me that she has found twenty-six plants on Deer Isle not in the Mt- Desert Flora, lately out. Don't take any trouble about it, for I can get fresh specimens from her next ~~year~~ summer-

A *Happy* New Year to you-

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen

Springfield Jan-3-1895-

My dear Mr- Deane,

I am indeed pleased with *Lycopus sessilifolius* for my catalogue- I find by the Manual that it has been raised to specific rank since I found it at Atsion Creek. N. J. the only station in the fifth edition- I saw that it was credited now with a wider range, and that you, by your discovery in Barnstable, had helped extend it- I am going to look for that Nantucket bog the first chance I have- I suppose I lost my N. J. specimens- I am glad that I have been to the pine barrens, for the longing that I had had for years is over for the rest of my mortal life - To be sure I never collected so many new things in three or four days anytime else, but oh, the discomforts! – mosquitoes at the head of the list –

I sent an account of Tillaea to the Gazette months ago, even before you gave me Prof. Barnes's address for the second time – I received the usual notice that the article should be published at the earliest opportunity, and have heard no more, and perhaps never shall hear, as I do not take the magazine – I asked them if they would send me a few sheets containing the notice when printed, but they made no promise about that – If I can't have that slight favor, I shall try the Torrey Bulletin when I have any more botanical news – Perhaps it was not very pretty in me, an honorary× member of the Torrey Club, not ~~the~~ to send this item & that about the Trillium to their paper instead of the Gazette – I hope Mr. Williams will go to Nantucket again, & then find *Schizaea pusilla* – Always set your mark high – Should I have got Tillaea for my list, if I hadn't beset everybody to find it? *Schizaea* often grows in company with *Drosera filiformis* and we have that –

I enclose a Polygala from Deer Isle, Maine – The friend who gave it is a young woman who goes to D. I. for

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× No, – "corresponding" member; I have just referred to the secretary's notification of the Club's action –

383 Union Street.

Springfield, Jan. 27. 1895.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am very much obliged to you for your admirable article "Notes from my Herbarium." An "ordinary" herbarium is a useful book of reference to verify or disprove some name that we have obtained by analysis of a plant in hand, but one like yours is concentrated delight to a botanist; it is like a ~~[illegible]~~ Puck's "Thorough bush, Thorough briar, over park, over pale," finding novelties at every step. I wonder at your ingenuity, — your inventiveness; your management of roots and of the dandelion head

Mr. John Lewis Russell of Salem. I wonder if you have his; he died in '71 or '72 I should say. But for my own, I am quite inclined to try again to win such a distinguished place; I will at least look about and see who makes plain elderly women look the handsomest.

I am always glad to hear of Judge Churchill, but when you mentioned him in a late letter you were only going to see him the next day. I hope his collections showed a pleasant and successful season.

(And Prof. Bailey — no return I hope of that disease; I fear that he lost the eye, however, that was operated on, didn't he?

I am glad to get the name of the grass. I found the flowers of a very curious structure in the analysis I made before sending. My friend who gave it to me can't recollect how she came by it; she certainly did not collect it herself on the coast of the Mediterranean or in Australia or Colorado. A Life of Rafinesque well told must make interesting reading. I mean to look it up if it is in our city library.

A.A.A.S. to meet here next August, and I have been dreaming, for a whole year, to be far away from Springfield in that month! Well, we shall see.

Yours very truly,
Maria L. Owen.

are interesting examples of your smartness in that direction! I shall bring this article before our botanical Society at the first meeting of the next season — the eighteenth I believe. I like such articles in a botanical magazine and should be a subscriber to the "Bulletin" or the Gazette at this day if they hadn't become so learned, & filled up with articles for microscopists — while popular & instructive articles like this of yours were very rare. I took the "Bulletin" from the beginning for seventeen years, & have fifteen years bound; I have taken the Gazette too, but irregularly. Then our Society took both magazines, but they let them drop, I suppose for the same reason that I did. I think it showed a great lack of politeness in the editors of the Gazette not to send me the number containing my Trillium article, — it was impolitic besides, for I might have found the magazine more attractive than when I dropped it. Such attentions certainly tend to bring back a former subscriber.

I feel complimented by your request for my photograph to be put into your picture gallery of botanists, but I don't believe there is a photograph of me at any age in existence. ~~The~~ I sat for some twenty-five or thirty years ago and when they came and had been inspected, I promptly marched to the kitchen stove and in its fiery depths deposited them. I have never been sorry, though of course I burnt up three (or perhaps six) dollars. I like other people's photographs very much, and value highly the three of botanists that compose my collection — Dr. Torrey, Dr. Gray and

Sp'd Feb. 2. 1895.

My dear Mr. Deane,

As you have spare copies of your "Notes" you may send one, if you please, to Miss Emily S. Harrison 760 Oak St. San Francisco, California. I was pleased to see that the "Notes" had "I." added, giving promise of more good things. Those two errors I had already corrected. No one will lay them to you. We all know you can spell "sheets" and "one", and shake our heads at the proof-reader misso-

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NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, Mar. 29. 1895.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have lately received an article from the Bot. Gazette, on that dreary subject the proposed new nomenclature. I am glad to see that Dr. Robinson does not favor it, fully, and I wish he didn't at all, but I am much obliged to him for his attention, and to you too, for I know you gave him my name.

I have a request from the Gazette (two of them, as I paid no attention to the first) for prompt notification of errors occurring in my article! Prompt, indeed! When they waited six months

I have two children; my daughter whom you have met, will be away with me. My son lives in New York, but we see him quite often, and I hope he will make me one of his flying visits while you are here. I shall really be more sorry to miss a visit from you and your wife than to lose the meetings, but when you have learned the way here perhaps you will come again.

With kind regards to both,

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

themselves before publishing it, and when they did, ~~they~~ paid no attention to my modest request for a few sheets containing the communication. I am used to quite different treatment from all the papers that I give little articles to occasionally.

Good bye, Gazette! Any botanical items that I may think worth publishing will in future go to the Torrey Bulletin which has always been civil to me.

You know Springfield is to have the pleasure and honor of the A.A.A.S. meeting this year, and if you attend I hope you and your wife will stop with us through the session. I shall not be at home myself, for I am going away in June if nothing hinders, for a pleasure trip of some four months. This was planned before the meeting here was even thought of, and it would it be worth while to give up this journey for the sake of one week at home.

My family consists of my husband and my cousin, Miss Coffin; the latter, who has lived with me over twenty years, is a very pleasant lady and a competent housekeeper besides, and you will be well cared for if you come; she and my husband unite with me very cordially in the invitation. If you accept I will write again and tell you how to reach us.

Springfield Apr. 7. 1895.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am much pleased to hear that you and your wife will come & spend the A.A.A.S. week with us. I didn't tell you where I was going myself, because there was the "possibility", you know, that you couldn't accept my invitation, and in that case I meant to keep you in ignorance, and play my little joke on you a second time, — make you guess from a new set of flowers, where I had been. But I must tell now that I am going to Europe with my daughter, and shall stay till late in September.

I didn't mean that the Gazette was intentionally un-civil, — that would have been very unjust in me; my view of the case was that it lacked manners,

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employed on botanical work at the Academy of Arts & Sciences (if I get the name right). This lady is going to get out a book on the midwinter flora of San Francisco. She has found 200 plants in flower in December and January, and I suppose those months comprise all the midwinter they have.

You will hear from me again before I go, but for the present I bid you Goodbye with kind regards to yourself & wife.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

and that is still my opinion, though after learning from me that I had not seen the article, a copy of the Feb. number was despatched without delay, and I have sent the corrections as desired.

What did Dr. Morong call that Eleocharis that grows in the water and never flowers? E. acicularis? Last summer I tried to contrive a way to get some of it transplanted from the pond to dry land to see what it would come to, but there were too many difficulties in the way.

I should think you would like to come the 28th, although they don't do much on the first day of the session, but organize, but you could find enough to do to occupy your time. My cousin will like to have you let her know what time you will be here — day and hour — a little in advance and she will be all ready to receive you. Address

Miss Emily C. Coffin
383 Union St.

If I were to be here I should plan to meet you at the cars but it would be of no use for Miss Coffin to try to pick out people whom she never saw, so she will have to let you find your way yourselves: — 'finding your way will consist in saying' to the hack driver, "Dr. Owen's — 383 Union St.", then he "does the rest".

Miss Harrison of San Francisco sent her thanks through me for your Gazette article. She was going to lend it to Miss Eastwood, a lady

Springfield May 13 - 1875

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have been at work on our Society Herbarium lately, and have thought of you frequently, — could not help it when I came to things you had given me. When you write again, I should like a label for the Lycopodium inundatum you sent me from Jaffrey last summer.

I shall enclose specimens of a Polygala that we call P. verticillata, L. var. ambigua. Do you agree? "N. E. to Ill. and westward" says the Manual, but this grew in our Forest Park, — very scarce, however. And this wretched broken specimen from Miss Clarke, — is it Myriophyllum tenellum? She collected it in Martha's Vineyard.

Picked the violets & pressed them, this afternoon; and not had breakfast. Don't often [illegible] with them; the one at door to write them over.

The violet too, — we call it V. primulaefolia; it agrees well enough with the description of that, but I could never satisfy myself that it was the same as Bigelow's V. acuta — synonym you know. Don't return any of the enclosures.

Our Herbarium. There's some rubbish in it, mostly put in by one person, which I hope to clear out & replace in time, but on the other hand a good many very nice specimens that ~~to~~ would be prized in any herbarium. They are valuable for their rarity, their conspicuousness, or from being named by eminent botanists, and some have two, or even all three, of the merits.

Short stories in letters just now when I am up to my eyes in work.

I had a pleasant note from your wife some time ago. Please remember me to her and believe me

Yours very truly,

Maria L. Owen.

P.S. There is to be a bi-centennial anniversary Celebration in Nantucket in June, that I can't bear to think of, I am so sorry to be away at the time. It was bad enough to lose the week of the A.A.A.S. but this other disappointment is ten times worse.

M. L. O.

Springfield, July 2. 1885

Dear Mr. [illegible],

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], for which I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], for I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] till about June [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the 12th, and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible].

Thank you for the [illegible] of my [illegible], [illegible] the Comparison [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the "circular" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]," and [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] in the length of these [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] perhaps in the form of [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] — they would [illegible] [illegible]!

We have asked our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] we have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Then I understand [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible]. Yours very truly [illegible]

Can you tell me if this Dichelyma is pallescens? I would like to have it returned, for it is rare here, — found only by us every year, but you may have part of it if you want it. Take off yourself enough to know the characters well, and you need not hurry, — any time before June 12 - will do. Some of our members know the genera of the mosses of our region pretty well, and can make out a new one, but can't always feel sure of the species. The Amherst Catalogue reports no D. pallescens, only falcatum and capillaceum

And I suppose the copious list was made out by Mr. Frost of Brattleboro' mostly, and he and Prof. Tuckerman were both very competent authorities in the matter. —

M. L. B.

May 26/1875

Springfield, Oct. 8. 1895.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have been at home almost two weeks now, and am pretty well settled in my home ways, though I haven't caught up with my work entirely. I have two of your letters to answer and will begin with the first which reached me in Antwerp. That told of the meetings of the A.A.A.S. but I leave all the public entertainments to speak of Dr. Chapin's attentions. I haven't seen him yet, but when I do I shall tell him how much pleased I was to have him do for you what my family couldn't, from not being botanists. I am glad he took you to the Climbing Fern locality, and when he took you in his canoe on the river, I hope he showed you our rarities there, Bidens Beckii in the water, & Hemicarpha subsquarrosa, Cyperus inflexus and C. erythrorhizos on the island that lies between the two mouths of the Agawam River where it runs into the Connecticut. Our Fuirena and some other rather uncommon sedges grow in another place and there wasn't time for everything. Perhaps they wouldn't have been rare to you, any more than Panicum filiforme + Eragrostis Purshii are to us.

I am glad you saw Mr. Hammond the florist; he is quite a distinguished man in certain ways, but I can't write his biography in a letter. I am much pleased to hear of the two Deaneas, and feel sure that you deserved the honor. Have you any of that Monadnock Solidago to spare? I should like a specimen for our herbarium under any name that you think proper to label it by, var. monticola or var. Deanei or both. What did you want seedlings of the Coast plants for? To put into your Hbm. and thus make your specimens more complete? Or is there something about them that you wanted to study up?

The rest of the letter was about the good time that you and your wife were having, but I assure you that my husband & cousin have not done telling me yet what a good time they had with their guests. I think you both gave as much pleasure as you received, and have certainly left a sweet memory in the house. I wanted to invite Mr. + Mrs. Dame ~~to~~, also, and should have done so if I had been going to stay at home, but as they would have been strangers too, at the beginning, as you were, I

& thought I had better say nothing about that plan. I suppose you see Mr. Dame sometimes; we keep up no correspondence, but I am always glad to hear any news about him and his family.

I dare say you are quite right about the Asarum in our Hbm.; I didn't notice the fruit that I wanted you to look at, when I collected the specimens, but if I ever have a chance again I will examine the growing plants & see what I can find. I should think Mrs. Robinson would report her Silene dichotoma to me, if she wants credit for it. I guess I'll write to her sometime and see about it and what else she found in Nantucket. Last year as you will remember one Picris was found in Forest Park, and another species in Worthington St. in this city; also Alyssum incanum, one plant, was found. They tell me at the Bot. Society that not one of the three has appeared this year. I thought both species of the former would be springing up from their winged seeds far & wide. I saw that Alyssum in abundance in the waste part of a cemetery in Kiel just out of Antwerp. That was in June the day of our arrival, but when we went back in September, I saw the Azolla of which I shall enclose a specimen. I was walking through the Botanic Garden when I spied the plant ~~in~~ on the surface of the water in tubs where aquatics were growing, then some more in a very small artificial pond hardly larger than the tubs, It looked to me exactly like ours, and it covered the water in the same way but it was labelled *Azolla* *fragilis* – authority added I suppose, but I have forgotten that part. Last January I saw good specimens of the type of A. Caroliniana in the college greenhouse at Smith, and noticed the great difference between those plants and ours. Was the botanist who gave you the name of the latter a Cambridge man? Perhaps he will kindly look at it again in connection with the Antwerp specimens.

I collected nothing else for herbarium preservation except some Wall-rue in Wales. It was so large and luxuriant on the walls there, that it almost asked to be picked, but it was very hard to get plants with roots out of the deep crannies, even with the help of a knife. There was a marked difference in the fronds that I never observed in the small & scarce specimens that I have seen in this country; when they were sterile or slightly fruited the divisions were larger than in the fertile ones – a common habit of ferns in general, but I never had a chance to observe it in this particular kind before.

I will enclose a letter that came to me last Monday. Please destroy when done with. I send it to ask ~~you~~ if you know of Mr. Eaton — if you can tell me something of him in a few lines it would please me. And what Aspidium does he mean? I suppose the abbreviation after the name is Dav. and that this is a new species which Mr. Davenport has named. I sent the Azolla and told him that either of the plants he named would be acceptable.

The Liparis that I left for you was leafless; I dare say you guessed the reason — that I did not want to hurt the plant by depriving it of its ~~[illegible]~~ breathers + digesters. The little delicate thing is ~~exactly~~ like the large, thick-petalled, gorgeous members of its family, in being (its flowers, I mean) so persistent, not wilting for so long. If I had not been impatient those two buds at the top might have opened ~~too~~ too. How much ~~larger~~ taller would the raceme have grown if ~~it~~ the plant had lived longer!

it was a beauty, but I think any skilful gardener could raise plants just like it.

Your wife told my cousin one day something about her family, — that her father was an Episcopalian minister who preached in South Boston, and that she herself knew my cousin Mrs. Lucy Bartlett and her family. She did not mention her father's name but when I heard so much I wondered if he was the Mr. Clinch whom the Jenks family, one and all, esteemed so highly? If so, the Mrs. Bond whom I spent a pleasant half-hour with some twenty years ago, — more or less — must be her sister.

_My_ husband & cousin both send their regards, and as for me I am so envious of the good time they had when you were here, that I say you must come again some time and make _me_ a visit

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

Shouldn't you think I would be ashamed of this paper? _all three sheets?_ Well, I am!
M. L. O.

Springfield, Oct. 31. 1875-

Dear Mr. Deane,

Mr. Eaton didn't send me any his illaca [!]; I have had a quiet little giggle over his name everytime I have thought of it since I heard the news. But he has zeal if not knowledge, and the latter will come with years, for I fancy he is quite a young man. And who has not made similar mistakes at some time or other? My first record [illegible] Elatine is in 1848 when I was still using Bigelow's "[illegible] Boston"; I knew it then as Crypta minima, Nutt. How [illegible] hated the Linnaean

system then, & now is Elatine the new-comer of Gray's Manual! (Hatred turned to love in time & I have never lost my affection for my Bigelow.

M.L.B.

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THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

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SPRINGFIELD MASS.

Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, Nov. 17. 1895 -

Dear Mr. Deane,

What a pity that Mr. Eaton didn't appreciate his Tillaea enough to keep it! But we can't feel very sure that it was Tillaea after his sending you Elatine. I hope he will collect more next season whatever it was. He sent me some Isoetes Eatoni, living plants and pressed specimens.

I had a letter from Mr. Dame the eleventh day after his accident, and he told me in it about his happy summer in Nantucket, and his observations on the burnt district, for a dreadful fire went round the island from the South Shore by way of Tom Never's Head to Gibbs's Swamp, the fall before. He gave me two names of

I will send you two Crucifers for a name — wretched specimens. If you know them at a glance please tell me what you call them, if you do not, throw them away at once, for they are too poor to work over. They were brought in to the Society some time in October, and were found on some dumping ground or amongst roadside weeds. The finders will remember the locality, and if we know the names we shall put them into our list of Springfield plants, but we don't want to give anybody five minutes' trouble about them. — I thought one — the narrow-leaved one, which has immature pods on it — might be Erysimum cheiranthoides; the other didn't seem to agree with anything in the Manual. About the other I should say that I cannot perceive any two- or three-parted hairs in the scant pubescence.

I see you have abundant botanical work laid out for the winter, but you will find it so pleasant that it will not bear hard upon you.

five plants not in the Catalogue. Physalis Peruviana, Nees, Populus tremuloides, Michx. Viola primulaefolia, L. Mikania scandens, L. and Epilobium angustifolium, L. This last had been reported before but the others were all new to me, and I was much pleased with them. I always thought the Mikania ought to be found on the island, but had looked for it in vain. He found one white-blossomed plant of the Willowherb. The whole letter was so valuable as well as interesting that I fastened it into my copy of the Catalogue.

I am glad to hear that he is getting along well. I hadn't heard from him for about seven years before this.

I will send you a letter of Mr. Eaton's and part of another of later date, not to be returned. He thinks our Azolla closely resembles A. filiculoides, while I could see no difference between ours and that A. fragilis of the Antwerp Bot. Garden, either growing or pressed. I hope Dr. Underwood will examine it once more. I think Mr. Eaton's theory about propagation is plausible.

I have seen Dr. Chapin lately and he says he never had such good botanical times in his life as when he went out with you. He didn't show you all of our rarities, but they grow far apart, and your time here was too short for you to be taken to all the localities. I asked about Panicum proliferum at a meeting of our Bot. Society. The members present agreed that it was common enough for them not to think much of it when they happened to come across it; they had never looked upon it as rare.

Reading a number of the Bot. Gazette I saw your offer of Lemna Valdiviana to those who would ask for it; That was some time ago, but if you have any left I should like a specimen for our Herbarium. No hurry about it; send with the Solidago when you get to it.

I enjoy my botanical correspondence as you do; — I enjoy other people's too, Sir J. E. Smith's for instance I find his life + letters very entertaining reading, and as fresh as if he and his friends were of our own day, and yet many of them passed on to a better world a full hundred years ago. But not the lively lady who edited the book — Sir J's widow who lived to be over a hundred.

Your wife has indeed a distinguished ancestry, — she can claim a place amongst the "Colonial Dames" or any other association of that sort, and perhaps she has already joined one. I have no "signer" amongst my forefathers, but I am eligible to the same societies on other grounds. Four Pilgrim fathers + mothers, and, back of them John Robinson, the

Leyden pastor, ministers and elders in Boston and Salem of the very earliest settlers, and a very near relationships to Benj. Franklin are some of the qualifications I should put forth. I am content for the present, however, with being a Daughter of the Am. Revolution. I was in Paris the Fourth of July and had no way of celebrating but to wear my badge. There was a young Boston gentleman with us part of the time who always lifted his hat and saluted the flag wherever he saw it flying — a very proper thing I thought.

(How funny Fliegende Blätter is! I enjoy the hit at the botanists, for they deserved it if they couldn't tell Lions' tails from palm trees.

Our family all send their best regards to you and your wife.

Yours very truly

Maria L Owen

Springfield, Nov. 24. 1875 -

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am *very* much obliged for the Lemna, and the Solidago - very nice specimens. The "Notes from my Herbarium" seemed to me the most interesting I have seen yet; do keep on. For still another thing I send my thanks, - the names of those two wretched specimens.

I hope the "curious oak" is going to prove something very pleasing; let me know if you gain any glory from it -

I suppose Mr. Batchelder is still in Manchester, unless he is going about the country seeking for some opening for a music teacher and organist, - a difficult thing to find for a man of his age. Every community now is overstocked with music teachers, young people mostly who live with their parents & pay no board, so can afford to give lessons at very low prices - Their instructions may not be worth any more than they ask, may be a positive injury to the pupil, but what does the average parent know about that? Mr. Batchelder is not of the highest rank in his profession, - not one of those who can command the highest price for all their hours, and have besides a waiting list of applicants begging for the first vacancy. His wife has been suffering from nervous prostration for some three years, but she is with her father & mother in her old home. Her father is very well off, and she is more than welcome to stay with him and her mother, so the case is not as pitiful as a great many are. They have no children, though they lost a dear little girl about eight years ago.

I do not hear from Mr. B. directly, but I happened to meet an intimate friend of his wife's last Thursday and inquired after him.

Yours with kind regards

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Dec. 24. 1895

Dear Mr. Deane,

As nobody appreciates the extended Dana Wild Flowers more than you, I have selected the prettiest of the blue prints that Mr. Hine sent for names and made them up into a book for you, — one which I hope will interest your wife too, and in which she is to share. My son made the title page; I always call on him for any such work, and the whole thing goes with the good wishes of the season to you and your wife.

A little botany must come in, for I had a letter yesterday from my botanical friend in San Francisco and she tells me that Prof. Douglass Campbell of Stanford University has made a special study of Azolla and he says that there is no A. Caroliniana in the State, but the plant so-called is A. filiculoides. You see I pursue my researches about that plant in every direction as I have opportunity.

Miss Harrison (my friend mentioned above) put in this Cyperus, — she didn't know its specific name. I think it is of no eastern species that I ever saw, and it was sent along without comment, I suppose for its beauty, for it is pretty certainly to an educated eye.

Sending you and your wife best wishes for a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year, in which my family desire to join,

Your sincere friend
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Jan 6 - 1896.

Dear Mr. Deane,

You wrote to me immediately after Christmas and said all that ~~that~~ could be desired even by one far more exacting than I am. Next your wife wrote a very pleasant letter, so you can set your mind at rest. But I am the sinner! Not a wilful one however, so I am sure you will excuse me. I send my thanks at this late day for that pretty little card of pansies and violets and its plea in French for remembrance; I will indeed remember you. My husband laughed over his owl and the message that came with it, and has it now on his office mantel piece. He sends his thanks and wants me to mention that the rules of the house are kept up *as* *strictly* as ever.

I was glad to learn from your postal card that Mr. Davie was getting along well.

I enclose something about postage of botanical specimens; they don't let mine go through the P.O. at any such rate, and I don't believe the statement is true. Yet I cut it out of "The Observer" a magazine devoted to botany and other branches of natural history, and I supposed at the time that I could depend upon it.

The Christmas holidays and even a few days over are the busiest of the year with me, and from those that are just over two whole days were taken out by calls upon my time entirely unexpected. I am sadly behindhand still in my letter writing but hope to work through this week.

With kind regards to you and your wife, Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen

Springfield. Jan. 22. 1896.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have learned that there is an article by you on the Glass Flowers, in the Botanical Gazette. Will you be kind enough to tell me in what number? I can't think of a bit of news to tell you, botanical or family, so I send forth my question unattended except by regards to yourself & wife. Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, Mar. 8. 1896.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Much obliged. I am glad to have the article for my own, though I had read it before in the Gazette for which our Bot. Soc. subscribes, and where it was the only article that I cared anything about. I dropped the Torrey Bulletin some years ago, and our society did the same, because the science of two papers was far beyond us, but the Bulletin has now reached the same height. The publishers say that "the subscriber may disregard the technical articles in which he is not interested, and yet possess more than enough matter to fully justify the subscription price". We hope to find it so, although the promise has not been kept so far. I am going to write you a letter by & by when Spring has fairly set in. M. L. O.

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, Apr. 29. 1896.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have had nothing special to tell you, and so have put off writing, but a letter from Mr. Dame spurs me up to tell you what little news of a botanical nature I have. There seems a slight prospect that he may spend some time in Nantucket this year; if he does I shall try to be there at the same time. How nice if you could go too!

I have a new acquaintance, — botanical — and a very pleasing one so far, and promising for the future. It is Mr. Fred. G. Floyd of Boston, a young civil engineer. Mrs. Robinson told me of him: she had met him on the commons in Nantucket, collecting

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spent with you, — said your herbarium was worth a trip round the world to see, mentioned the Xyris with special admiration. He has employment now as an organist in Concord, N. H., and has ~~h~~ some pupils there or in a neighboring town. If he were only a young man I think he would leave music and fit himself for work as a professional botanist, but he has heard ~~found~~ his true call too late to follow it. His botany will be a delightful recreation as long he lives, and I hope he will have resolution enough to keep it in its place, and not let it take time that he ought not to give to it.

We are rejoicing here over the re-opening of our Art Museum. You know Mr. Smith only put in for the meeting of the A. A. A. S. last August what he could most conveniently & quickly transport to make a temporary show. In the fall the rooms were closed, and for months he & his trusted assistant worked over the rearrangement to a Catalogue, almost as well worn, she said, as her own. I wrote to him to see if he could give me any new names; he sent me six, all of escapes or introduced plants, and of these he had been anticipated in three cases by others. The new ones were Trifolium incarnatum, Symphytum officinale and Silene dichotoma. Mrs. Robinson had sent you a specimen of this last, but she told me that it was one that he gave her, so he is to have the credit of it. He gave me new stations for ten more, but there again he had been anticipated in some cases by others. Several letters have passed between us, and I like him more and more; I am sure he is a born botanist, and that is the only kind that amounts to much. He was laying out a road in Nantucket last summer, and "kept his eyes about him" as he says he always does when engaged in field work; he wants to go to the island again to collect some of its rarities for his herbarium & thinks he may get down there for a few days. I mean to put him on the track of Aspidium simulatum, or Dryopteris simulata, as Mr. Davenport calls it; Mr. Eaton says it is sure to be found with Woodwardia angustifolia which is certainly plentiful enough there. If you happen to know where a little monthly called "The Fern Bulletin" is published can't you send me word on a postal card? It is in some city in N.Y., as Auburn, Syracuse or Rochester, I think. I will excuse you from answering the rest of this letter, which will have indeed nothing in it needing a reply.

Mr. Bachelder wrote me a long and most enthusiastic letter after the evening and the placing of the large additions brought from his house. Last Friday the building (this part of it) was opened again, and it seems like a new place. All those empty rooms ~~were~~ are filled, and treasures all arranged with perfect taste.

Today something else is opened to the public, the new room at the City Library. This room on the first floor had always been used as a museum of natural history, but the collections were transferred to the new building and the room made over in the most approved modern style for the delivery room. Ed was in for a short time and finds it a model of convenience.

Springfield is a nice place to live in, though I don't undervalue

other places, but I am quite
content with our advantages -
I am glad to hear that your
wife is well - Please give her
regards from all of us and
take them yourself too -

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield June 2 - 1896 -

Dear Mr. Deane,

Thank you for the information; it came early enough for my purpose; your Flora followed by the next mail - Thanks for that too - Shall examine it with interest. It is in my trunk now, which I am packing for Boston - I am going to spend two or three weeks with my daughter at 66 Marlborough St - I hope during my stay to see you & Mrs. Deane, and a little of your beautiful herbarium - and talk over then what I must leave unsaid now.

M. L. O.

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FIELD, MASS.
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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, July 7-1896.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I stayed in Boston longer than I expected to, on my daughter's account; there was papering and painting to be done, which she had to superintend, and the work, as usual, lingered along. I did not mind it, however, — had a good time up to the very last.

I found Lepidium ruderale, I believe the very day that you told me about it at your house. On my walk home from the cars & instead of turning into Marlboro' St. when I came to it, I thought I would walk quite through Berkeley to the river, and then, back of the Beacon St. houses I noticed a peppergrass, and pulling some

I accept her lists of new finds when she thought a Senecio vulgaris was a Crepis? One with all the florets tubular, and the other with all ligulate! Other similar errors have come to my knowledge from her own letter, and she would actually have thrown away her great find undetermined, if it had not been for my letter about it. I must have a plant with her names, or the decision of some competent botanist. She has taken up botany very lately and she will doubtless improve in accuracy with years.

I gave her Jaffrey as your address.

With regard to your wife and yourself

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

up, I felt sure it was ruderale from that strong, rank smell. I pressed some, and afterwards got fresh specimens to bring to our botanical society.

My next botanical action was to read the Park Flora through; I did it pretty thoroughly as far as the Thallophytes, and found it very interesting. I looked particularly for Scrophularia nodosa, as I had just had specimens sent from Brookline where it has been noticed for three successive years, — large plants. It may be found yet in one of the reservations.

I was in Cambridge another day with my daughter and although not in calling hours we stopped at your house and left our cards for Mrs. Deane; we had not much hope of seeing her at that time of day, but we could not take any other time.

Mr Deane came to see me Saturday, and we made a fine plan for exploring in Nantucket, if I cd go in August. I wish to go very much for this rare privilege of going out with him and then conferring with him on our finds, but my husband is not well, and though he does not need any attention from me, or anybody else, I hate to go away for a good time and leave him moping at home. He is about his business just the same, and I have not decided yet, one way or the other.

I enclose a letter from Mrs. Robinson, not to be returned. I value her as an interesting correspondent, and also for her zeal, but how can

Springfield July 21-1896

My dear Mr. Deane,

I send by this mail a plant that came to me from Boston for a name. Where collected, I don't know. I think it looks like a Stellaria, and if so it may be S. longipes, - it hasn't quite the aspect of S. longifolia, and doesn't answer the description either. What should you say? The petals that I soaked became so soft and pulpy that I couldn't smooth them out to see if they were entire or parted, but I don't think it is an Arenaria.

There are two things in Mrs. Robinson's letter that I want you to see, - what she says of the Myriophyllum & Prof. Ganong's testimony about Opuntia. The rest of the letter is unimportant, but I have to send it all. Not to be returned.

In great haste
Yours truly
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Aug-31-1896.

My dear Mr. Deane,

Many things have happened since your letter of July 23. came; I have had company and have been visiting, and when I came home from Nantucket, where I spent nineteen happy days, I found that my daughter was going to stay at home only one week more, so I put aside everything to enjoy that time with her. The dear delight of our hearts is to go off in the electric cars, and there are some new roads this year unknown to those travellers of last year, your wife and my sister Mrs. Tallant! One day we went up to Mountain Park in Holyoke, and I found it a *very* good botanizing ground. It is a mountain 666 ft. high with roads opened here and there, all done so recently that the wild flowers are not yet

—that is, I cut out some pieces of the turf, some to keep and show to Mr. Dame, and some to press. And what a job I had, to wash the plants clean ~~&~~ enough to press! The mud seemed to be of the most clinging tenacious, slimy nature. I spent six days in Siasconset where Mrs. Starbuck owns a house — the lady who entertained our good Dr. Morong — you will remember her, I am sure. I gave Mr. Dame his Tillaea, and *he* not only *thought* but *spoke*. He might have seen it himself more than once, he said, but would have supposed it to be Myriophyllum. *That was exactly my unspoken reflection*. Now whenever at the seacoast you come across a bed of that low milfoil that makes green beds on the edges of the ponds, take a second look and instead of milfoil you *may* have Tillaea! This that I collected was in fine condition; every plant had its terminal flower or bud or four celled capsule, the latter in some cases ripe, the open cells showing the little brown seeds. The leaves were not noticeably thick + succulent as the Manual says they are.

exterminated as they surely will be before long. I found Pycnanthemum incanum, fine specimens with the largest heads and largest flowers that I ever saw, a pretty Lespedeza pink with flowers, L. violacea or perhaps procumbens, and a tall, handsome Spiranthes praecox. There are fine views of the Holyoke range of mountains from many a point~~s~~, and on one side a long wall of mountain ~~side~~, completely wooded and so near that we can almost distinguish the separate trees; it must be gorgeous in October and my cousin and I are planning to go up again at that time. Another day we went to our own Forest Park which looks like a lady dressed for a party in comparison with that wild place in Holyoke, and Saturday we went up to So. Hadley Falls and walked about the pretty village, and gazed down into the river bed where throngs of laborers were at work on the new dam, then took car again and went over to So. Hadley where Mt. Holyoke College is. I am quite familiar with the beautiful college grounds, so I took Amelia in and we went all over the nice little botanic garden which dear Miss Shattuck began & loved so well, and then up by the zigzag footpath to the top of the very high hill which is the glory of the place, gaining enchanting views at every opening between the trees, and at the summit overlooking the complete circle below to the far horizon except for the mountain wall on one portion of the circumference. Amelia has gone today and Emily with her, and I feel that my vacation is over. I shall apply myself first to letterwriting — there are ten correspondents to whom I am in debt — and I begin with you first. On Nantucket Mrs. Robinson showed me the Tillaea patch, — a space of some three square yards green with these little plants, so close together that they almost made a sod. I gazed and thought; then I collected a quantity

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in our busiest, hurried life do less than we want to, but besides that, I felt that you were very attentive to me. I valued Mrs. Deane's call very much because I knew she was not *very* strong, and knew how much time it takes to get in from Cambridge. I valued your call too, and I had a delightful time at your house; I have thought since then that the length of my stay must have nearly worn you both out, but as it came from true interest in your beautiful herbarium I knew you would excuse me.

How did your classes in botany get along? Show the true botanical zeal? They were lucky in their teacher.

With kind regards to you & your wife
Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

I found one plant of Silene dichotoma, a *shabby* looking thing in its general appearance, but the separate flowers *very* pretty and the spikes truly elegant.

Mrs. Robinson showed me the last letter she had received from you, and I keep two of its items in mind. One is about the new botanical society to which you belong: as one of its objects was to form an herbarium I was going to offer it through you good specimens of S. dichotoma, Tillaea & Erythraea spicata; but Mr. Dame said the first object of the society was to study the flora of the region within forty miles of Boston, and after that to extend the area. The other was in regard to letter heads, crests &c. which a young friend of yours was collecting. I will enclose what have happened to fall in *my* way since. Halifax is the English town of that name, "The Gleddings" the name of the residence of Mr. G. H. Smith the present mayor, and the crest is that of his family. Its motto has always struck me as odd, — an adjectiv and a noun connected by "et." It reminds me to tell you of the motto of the Coffin family (my mother's family) and its bad Latin. "Post tenebris speramus lumen de lumine." I was speaking of it to my daughter the other day and telling her that I meant to alter it when I used it and put the object of "post" into the accusative case, but she said there was a historical interest in bad Latin, and I took that idea into consideration and perhaps will let "tenebris" stand. As I have quoted our motto, I will ask you who are, I am sure, a much better Latin scholar than I am, how you translate it, and when I know I will tell you the family version and my own which differs.

I looked at my copy of the Park Flora after your letter came, — that leaf torn out! It is queer that any one should take so much pains to remove a harmless little leaf.

Mrs. Robinson happened to mention her Senecio which turned out a Crepis — no it was just the other way, — well she hadn't the flower, only the head with seed & pappus, so it was not so queer that she made the mistake; but for all that I can't trust her determinations yet.

I was in Siasconset during that dreadful heated term, and Mr. Dame & I did not go out botanizing as we had planned, but one day he took me into that thicket opposite his house in which he is always finding something new, (Baccharis halimifolia the last,) and we saw much of interest. There were open spots there where Ut. subulata, var. cleist. used to grow, but we could not find it this year; I collected it afterwards however at Almanac Pond, and by taking pains got the leaves, about so long[-]. Mr. Floyd wanted some of the plant, so I took pains to seek for it. You will probably know the young man some time, as he is engaged to Edith Mackay and she tells him that her family and yours are acquainted.

Don't waste a thought on any thing that you might have done for me when I was in Boston, — we cannot radiata & the two species of Pieris?

Now the Coffin motto. When I was a child I was told that it couldn't well be literally translated, but that its idea was "The darkest time of night is just before day." That my mother and my aunts had learned from their college-bred brother, and there they rested, but when I knew Latin enough myself, I rendered it differently X "After the darkness we hope for light from the source of light," which is exactly your version, though there is a slight and unimportant difference in the wording. I am glad to find myself supported by your translation.

I will return the Hair-ball paper which Mrs. Robinson allowed me to take on my promise that you should have it again; I desire to testify to her conscientious scruples about lending a thing that was not her own. I read it with interest and though I have kept it a sinful length of time here it is at last, for I am conscientious too.

And I enclose what devices & headings I have on hand, even business ones — I should not want the latter, but you never can tell what will please little girls' hearts.

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Oct. 8 – 1896.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I had been thinking that I should take up your unanswered letter in a day or two, when your postal card came. I am glad to hear of you and your wife at home again, — quite set up in health and strength, I hope, for your vacation in the country. I am very sorry for Dr. Robinson, but children have so much vitality, I hope she may pull through yet.

Mr. Batchelder writes to me occasionally, and sends me all of his articles on flowers and birds. I hope he doesn't draw on your time too much by his frequent letters. I think his case is singular, — for a man of his age to take up a new interest and follow it to the exclusion of almost everything else. I fear sometimes that Mr. Floyd will be a second example of this kind. He is dependent

X I could not discuss it with my uncle for he died when I was eleven years old.

I began to study Latin & Greek when I was nine! but I had not begun to criticise our elders at eleven. M.L.O.

entirely on H his business, — civil engineering — and his success in it, for his support and the means of marrying, — so I am told, and so I am apt to feel a little pang when I read his passionate expressions of love for what is truly a fair and lovable science; and his delight in his discoveries, and plans for his studies, his herbarium, card catalogue and library. — I tell you all this with an object; you will probably meet him some time, for botanists always get together sooner or later, and with this warning you can study him, and, if he needs it, kindly hold him back for his own good. — I hope I am wrong about his devoting too much time to this recreation, but I keep on the safe side and don't keep up my part of the correspondence too briskly. —

Now I will take up your letter. — Mr. Dame didn't refuse the plants that I could furnish, but he did say that the first attention of the Club was to be given to the region within a certain distance from Boston — forty miles I think, was the radius mentioned, and I inferred from his saying that and from not accepting my offer that plants beyond that distance were not at present desirable. — I suppose too, that Mr. Dame could contribute all the Nantucket rarities himself. —

Would you want anything from Springfield? I don't collect much now, but I have some old duplicates on hand. — You might like — i.e. the Club might like, Lathyrus pratensis from the West Springfield station where it was noticed thirty years ago, and where it remains without spreading, to this day. — We find Polygala verticillata, var. ambigua in Forest Park, a little patch of nice plants, and it is quite out of range according to the Manual, you know. — Would the Club care for things out of range? For instance Valerianella

Springfield Nov. 2 - 1896

Much obliged for the Silene - I will put it into my Catalogue, but I will send you a fine Specimen by & by. I found a fine large plant from which I took three long branches - I don't know whether you have ever seen it growing; if you have you know how exquisitely beautiful its spikes are with their snow white flowers, and graceful, too, — each has the prettiest curve. I keep hoping to get time to look over my specimens and select a number for yourself and the Society; I shall at last, I have no doubt, and then I shall write you a letter - All as usual here. M. L. O -

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield. Nov. 11. 1896 -

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am most happy to send back the Myriophyllum - I know many a pond, amongst Saul's hills where it grows in the greatest abundance, and have a little piece pressed besides. I have known it as Myriophyllum for some fifty years, I never made out the variety with certainty, but I never had the zeal and enthusiasm to call it a Proserpinaca - You shall have a curious four-leaved Clover too - A friend of mine was up in Rowe in the summer and saw the plant there from which this came, - also had a piece of it given to her which she still has growing in a pot - Most of the leaves are like this, and Miss Dunbar, the owner, says that after a while the slender little fourth leaf grows to be just like the rest! Now we know better at our botanical society, or we are stuck-up enough to think we do, but poor Miss Dunbar, who is no botanist, is sick with nervous prostration, and we can't cross question her as we would like to, but we can't believe that that leaf stalk takes on tissue each side of it till it becomes a mere midrib- You may remember ~~a~~ something that I gave you that looked like a long slender pine cone - it came from California - Well the lady who sent it has come home, and she says it is not a cone but a branch of a tree called there the rat-tailed Pine; all the branches are like this she says, but she too is no botanist.

Bury all hopes of a rooted Picris from me; the P. hieracioides, the first species found, was represented by one single plant, which was three or four feet high, and spread its great branches far and wide - We thought, considering the thousands of winged seeds that it must have borne that it would soon be a Park weed, but it has never reappeared - The echioides was a smaller plant and there were a dozen specimens or so; that too was seen but one year -

~~We~~ I have begun to select the plants that I am going to send you, but my *recreation* has to give way to my *work* always; I am hoping however to

get the package made up in a week
or two when I shall write again—

And now I come to the subject for
which this letter was written—the other
matters could have waited, but I had a
letter from Mr. Floyd today asking
some advice, and you can give it better
than I. Every young botanist has an
oracle, I suppose; mine was Mr. John
Lewis Russell,—my *first* one, for I
was but twenty when I made his acquaintance,—I have had two or three
more since.

Mr. Floyd asks but two questions,
but he tells interesting things in his
letter which I want to tell you, they
throw side lights on his character.
But looking over it I see that I should
have to copy about the whole so why
not send it? You need not return it.
I saw the Potentilla recta, but sent it
back; it answered the description in every
point.

I wish Mr. F. was a better speller, but

There are people of very fair education who are always deficient in that point. ~~Do it~~ Please shut your eyes to his short comings -

Well, I was going to say that I seem to be Mr. Floyd's oracle now, but I want him to have a better one; I want him well brought up from the rudiments. You said if you knew his address you might perhaps call in and see him; it would be a great favor if you would. His office is Room 23 Old Court House, Boston; and that is the only address I know. If you could ever give him an hour or two at your own house, and show him your method a with illustrations from your herbarium, it would be of the greatest possible help to him. He has Saturday afternoon besides his evenings and Sundays, but I know how busy you are, so I shall not say a word to him about calling on you, unless ~~I~~ I have your permission.

I enclose a few headings &c. for the little collectors — some in duplicate.

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen

Springfield Nov. 18-1886-

Dear Mr. Deane,

From what I said in my last letter, you will be expecting plants from me about this time, but I write again to tell you *not* *to* *expect* *at all*. I looked through the accumulations of years, and not knowing exactly what you would value, I made a rather large selection, with full consciousness that you might throw some away — willingness, too, that you should do so. I am writing labels now, taking odd minutes for that, and just now, with Thanksgiving at hand, I have not so many odd minutes. I said "a large selection" but it is only *large for me*, an amateur, and not very active of late years. Perhaps there will be some forty species. Forget all about them, so as to be surprised some day by their appearance.

M. L. O.

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
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Springfield Dec. 31. 1896.

My dear Mr. Deane,

Just a few words to tell you that my press of work is nearly over, and that you may expect to hear from me more fully before long.

I have seen that clover since I wrote last; it is only a specimen of what we are familiar with, — a plant that has a tendency towards something abnormal, and keeps it up. This looked like a flourishing ordinary plant, but careful search revealed two leaves with four leaflets, and occasionally, as I learned, one would appear of the kind that I sent you.

I shall be very glad if you can carry out your plan of calling on Mr. Floyd, and he will be delighted with the attention and most grateful for any instruction.

I hope Prof. Bailey will not come back from Florida too soon; what a terrible shock he must have had in his nervous condition when he heard the sad news of Lodeman! There is something entirely wrong in this world, — many things — to make so many poor creatures leave it by their own act, feeling that they can no longer endure it.

Thank you for the nice little calendar. I have already assigned a special duty to it — marked it as a reminder of duties on certain days. I send you a little book mark to keep my memory green — by no means as indigo-colored as the card. I enclose too, a few more headings for your young friends.

With best wishes to you and your wife for a Happy New Year

Your sincere friend

Maria L. Owen.

Mrs. Alfred ~~T~~ Bishop Mason when travelling in the East had her name written in some Oriental characters (Arabic perhaps) and had this letter heading made from it after she came home.

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Springfield, Jan. 5. 1897.

My dear Mr. Deane,

The new year brought leisure (i.e. comparative, for I always have *enough* to do) as I knew it would, and I used the first of it to put up the plants for you. And they are for *you* absolutely, except that I would like to have you give Dr. Robinson a sheet or two of the *Azolla*. You will please take any of the rest that you want for your own Hbm. and give the rest to friends, or put them into the new Society's Hbm, or dispose of them in any way that you please.

I could not tell what would be most valued ~~from~~ what I had left after some twenty years of collecting and giving away, but I used the best of my judgment in selecting.

Lychnis vespertina is not "scarce" with us, but I always dread to press it, — it makes *dreadful* specimens. These are rootless; I know I *could* have dug up the woody roots, and split and shaved them till they would press, but I seldom have

I send the *Lycopus* for your decision about the species: it is from our Forest Park. And am I right about the Artemisia? *biennis*? I found that in Marlboro' St. a rod or so from my daughter's steps. Don't return either. And that blue-berried shrub; there was no label with it, but I think it is *Vaccinium stamineum*, — do you agree?

Lechea tenuifolia, Michx. is not in the Nant. Cat. and has not been reported to me till this mention of yours of Mr. Collins's find. The Lecheas have been revised again and again, and perhaps the *L. thymifolia*, Gray Syn. *L. maritima*, Leggett, may be the *L. minor* that Mr. C. reports. I see that *L. racemulosa*, in the Man. ed. 6. is credited to Long Is. as its northern limit, though I have excellent authority for claiming it for Nantucket. But a *second* look shows me that mine is ~~Lamarck's~~ Michaux's name, and that of the Man. is Lamarck's. If you ever have time to tell me what we actually have with the present specific names, including Mr. Collins's additions I shall be much time to do all that. And that *Valerianella*! it is one of the worst looking of all plants in life, but in death more dreadful than the Lychnis.

Scabious rootless, but these are as they came from Pittsfield; a bunch of them only cut, sent for a name to our Bot. Society.

Schwalbea Mr. Dame gave me, but I found better myself afterward; all gone now but this "will do to swear by" as Dr. Gray told me once of a wretched specimen that I showed him of one of the small Utricularias, and that he wanted, to my surprise.

Euphrasia. Larger than any that I ever collected on Mt. Desert or in Canada; whitening the grass at Inversnaid Falls.

I send with the Nantucket Coremas some that Mr. Redfield gave me from various places.

Spiranthes simplex. I am very sorry I didn't press it on white paper, but I forgot that it was apt to stick in this way. I knew however that I could cut away the paper, trim it off nicely and make fair specimens. Put root to plant as you please; all were collected the same day, and from the same locality.

El. acicularis. I think that is what Dr. Morong told me, but I find no note of the name, — trusted to memory.

El. Robbinsii. Not so many capillary leaves as I could desire. I have had better, but when I give away, I always select the very best on hand at the time, and this is my excuse for the condition of a number of other plants not specified in these comments.

Pan. verrucosum. I think I am right about this grass, but if not please tell me, and so if any other that I am wrong about.

Hieroc. borealis. Plants pretty large and so firmly rooted in hard ground that it was beyond my strength to get them up. The farmer invited me cordially to take *all*.

I call this large Botrychium, *australe*, do you? It had no fruit, but seemed worth taking for its fine sterile frond. I suppose *australe* & *intermedium* run into each other.

looked like your handwriting. It was a pleasant day and I went to the Park immediately; the ponds were frozen solid on the edge, but I kept on going round them and found some open water full of the plant which I collected and despatched as soon as I came home, with a letter. I do not know whether it ever reached Mr. Seymour, though if it did not I shall find out soon by the letter's coming back from the Dead Letter Office. He offered Hydrodictyon in exchange, but perhaps he meant for *good* Azolla, and I told him in my letter that he would receive the poorest lot I ever saw, on account of the lateness of the season. I don't know whether it was dead or alive.

I am going to mail this letter tonight to let you know what is coming, but the package, although all ready for the mail, may not reach you for a day or two after this.

With regards to your wife as well as yourself

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

obliged -

Mr. Dame had some Epilobiums under consideration when I saw him in Nantucket; he showed them to me in the swamp opposite his house, which he says is always presenting him with new things. If you can tell me what his specimens turned out to be, I will enter them in the Cat.; you know he is'nt much of a letter-writer, — too busy. I think he felt pretty sure of *E. adenocaulon*, Haussk.

I have some Tillaea for you, but it is in such a safe place that I cannot lay my hands on it now; that is the reason it did not go into the package. You shall have it later.

I will enclose some more crests & various devices; do your young friends collect simple headings like Westview, Chestnut Hill? My daughter says that her little girls value them; they take pains to come to school early and carry on a brisk trade with their duplicates.

I had a letter from Mr. Seymour about three weeks ago, asking for some Azolla plants; the address question was "Wretched specimens or none at all?" and here is the answer.

Don't return the cutting from Miss Harrison's letter; you will find something on the opposite side to the story of Miss Cannon very instructive to stamp collectors.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield Jan. 16. 1897

My dear Mr. Deane,

A new specific name for our Azolla leads me to take up your late letters and answer them a little ahead of their turn. A long time ago I sent specimens to my friend Miss Harrison in San Francisco who gave them to Miss Eastwood who is I think at the head of the botanical department of the California Academy of Sciences; she sent them to Prof. Douglas Campbell and a few days ago gave Miss H. who was ~~making~~ her a call, the enclosed slip of paper. So the doctors disagree! Prof. Campbell wrote that he had been so crowded with work that he had not been able to attend to this before. I wish I knew the authority for the sp. name *fragilis*, but as I ~~did~~

do not find it added to the name perhaps it was not on that nice large beautifully written label in the Antwerp garden; my conscience tells me however that it is much more likely that I trusted it to memory and then forgot it.

I will enclose part of Miss H.'s letter, for you to read that account of Miss Cannon. Such intemperance in a recreation harmless in itself is painful to see; I have known two or three such cases myself, and as I have said to you before, I fear that Mr. Floyd's love of botany may be indulged too much.

I am glad you like the book-mark though I did not do it; it is not hand-work, — a "Delft-card", imported.

Some Hydrodictyon followed your letter very closely; I guess you stirred Mr. S. up to sending it. I wanted it chiefly for Miss Booth our microscopist, and after taking out a little I carried the rest to her.

I have looked up El. acicularis in the Park Flora — had not seen it before.

I guess Mr. Stebbins gave me the Botrychium, but I made no note of locality or date as it was a sterile frond only; it seemed too good to throw away however as it was so large. I am pretty sure it was from Mr. Tom.

I thought you would throw away that Artemisia which is growing so common; I only wanted to know if I had got the real thing, but here's the label.

I will send with this some Tillaea; I am ashamed of it, but only because I cannot proclaim what the difficulties were in washing it out of its native mud, which was as tenacious and slimy as if the liquid part was a thick solution of gum instead of clean water. I was visiting you know, and though Mrs. Starbuck is a lifelong friend, and her porch & back yard where I did the work were as free to me as to herself, one hates to be messing and slopping with such dirty work. Then time was lacking besides; I was entertained most delightfully with long drives, and company & all sorts of things, and should I take myself away from my kind hostess & her family to dabble in mud for hours? So the

Springfield, Feb. 15 – [illegible]

Dear Mr. Deane,

I was surprised as well as pleased to find that any of the plants I sent you were worthy of a place in the Green House. What an appetite they have at the "Botanic Garden." I understand of course that there was nothing new amongst these plants, but that what value they had came from the locality where they were found.

I will enclose a green specimen of something that I sent you some months ago, — or carried it I guess, when I was in Boston in June; — it looked like a long cone. The lady who gave it to me at last got fresh tips from California where they call the tree the "rat-tailed pine"; when she brought me this it was soft & pliable and brighter in color. It is evidently one of the great family of conifers, that, whether native or exotic, thrives in California –

I will put in a few more headings for your young friends, and as you are so careful to give me credit with them, I ought to be equally scrupulous and say that they ~~were~~ are more of my family. But that my son and daughter gave them to me.

I write mostly to send you these things, also to acknowledge your last letter, but I have no news to tell, nor time to spare, so with all-of-us's X regards to you and your wife.

I remain

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen-

X Is not this a handy addition to the English language? — so comprehensive, — such a *multum in parvo*. It was the quick, spontaneous invention of a little girl, with several brothers & sisters, a pupil of one of my young cousins'. Her teacher said "What a splendid great dog! Is he yours?" "Oh no! he is all-of-us's."

M-L-O-the [illegible] is very well. And I [illegible]

[illegible] the same or mostly, and with

the hope that you and ~~your~~ wife

are in good health

I remain

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

[illegible]

Dear Mr. [illegible],

[illegible] that I have [illegible]

[illegible] in the South, but I [illegible]

[illegible] but [illegible]

[illegible] times, but what I have

noticed of late would be well known to

you as they are to me. [illegible]

[illegible] we have [illegible]

the Jessamine of course and great

bunches of violets — sweet scented I suppose,

though they are larger & deeper in color

than ours — and Polypodium incanum, which they call "resurrection",

and the so-called "gray tree moss", Tillandsia

usneoides, and palm fronds and such things.

But Miss Foster brought some little live

ant-lions, and in sand in the bottom of a

finger bowl, they are making their pretty

tunnels all the time. Their owner is much

Concerned about food for them. There were plenty of [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] brought them, though [illegible] [illegible] not any here. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cut to the size of ants. I had the pleasure [illegible] of finding a small colony in my own yard; they went into the chrysalis state in due time, and then I brought them into the house where the perfect insects came out.

My husband, after whom you kindly inquire, is running down with the disease of the kidneys, complicated with an affection of the heart, as is very common. He has given up all his practice, though he still drives out every pleasant day. He doesn't laugh and joke much now, and his clothes really hang about him, he has lost so much flesh. He seldom has any acute pain, but suffers from very frequent [illegible] upon [illegible] that account— fortunately he sleeps a great deal by day as well as by night, and thus whiles away the tedious hours; he used to be very fond of reading but now he only looks over the paper a little while in the morning — has not read a book or even a magazine article for a long time.

He does not seem to me any worse than he did at the beginning of the winter, but he says he is weaker. His appetite is pretty good, and as long as that lasts he will not run down rapidly. He has known that he had this disease for three or four years, but its progress you see has been slow. As you asked me to tell you particulars about him I have gone into all this detail, and will [illegible] you informed of any news that may come.

Springfield, [illegible]

Dear Mr. Deane,

I see by the date of your last letter which I will not mention [illegible] that it has been [illegible] time — but if I had no news for you, [illegible]? But now the flowers have [illegible] interesting things [illegible] coming in. One of our [illegible] specimens of yellow Trillium erectum, — a good bright straw color, very pretty with the normal garnet-colored flowers.

Mr. Batchelder sent me the enclosed grass, — Oryzopsis Canadensis, Torr. I call it. He sent it without the name because he [illegible] I would like to find that out myself. He says it is one of their commonest [illegible] in Manchester, though Gray's Manual calls it rare. It is [illegible] than usual ~~[illegible]~~ this year; he finds it most in dry [illegible].

[illegible], and I know that in Greek [illegible] it [illegible] a [illegible] recommendation? I [illegible] with authorities [illegible] though we find all wanting [illegible], and I fancy we shall have to make use of scientific names derived from the Greek, not only in botany, but in all branches of science.

My husband [illegible] about the same; he doesn't seem to have gained much for months, but he says he is no worse. He has a good appetite — that is, for a sick man — and drives out every pleasant day. The rest of us are as usual, as I hope you and your wife are.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] he thought [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a rose calyx which [illegible] exhibited [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. You [illegible] see it [illegible] if you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] keep it, or if you would [illegible] [illegible] it to [illegible] [illegible] who is making a collection of ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] growths you may do that, — otherwise please return it sooner or later, for such a curiosity is not to be thrown aside after inspection. I don't want the [illegible] again.

You [illegible] of course of the Mycological Societies of Boston, New York, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] the greatest caution [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to eat any of them. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] contaminating wholesome species, and [illegible]ing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] experiment in using ~~[illegible]~~ fancy [illegible] [illegible] till he has that knowledge at least, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Are we to say Cyperus [illegible] [illegible] of Cyperus. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the former [illegible], I [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] if it were a matter of [illegible] [illegible], but at the time [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I considered the authority [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Springfield, May 28. '97.

Dear Mr. Deane. I send you a plant, and I would like to know if you agree with me about the name. The flowers are dropped off, but I saved every one. There was just this one plant where found, — on the edge of a compost heap. It must be rather ~~rather~~ rare with us, — if it is L. purpureum, for it doesn't appear in the Met. Park Flora, the Middlesex or the Mt. Desert. Neither is it in the Washington, the Wilmington or the North Carolina Flora, but the Torrey Club Catalogue does have it, as I fully expected. Don't they take in everything? I could quite satisfy myself that the anthers opened lengthwise, but they had that look. Tell me your opinion any time at your convenience. Yours very truly Wm. L. D.

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
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Boston, June 9, 1897.

Dear Mrs. Owen,

A day or so ago I sent you a little package of Potentilla Pennsylvanica, L. (?). I found on closer investigation that my single plant proved to be a large single clump. I found only the one clump but was able to obtain by separating them out about a dozen specimens. Any of which you are welcome to when they are dried. X Monday P.M. was a holiday for us and I tried to get you a specimen of Potentilla recta, L. but found on visiting my locality that it had not blossomed yet so did not pluck any. There is lots of it though and some fine specimens when it gets well out. I will send you some when I gather my specimens.

X Regarding the Leontodon there is one point I will speak of. In Gray the pubescence of the involucre is not mentioned. Now I thought I knew L. autumnalis, L. and that it was not hairy that way. Then too the whole plant had a different look and also I can only find, hunt as I may, just this one little patch in one old field by the town highway where there are perhaps

X He asked in a later part of the letter if I thought Mr. Deane would like a specimen in case it proved to be P. Pennsylvanica. M. L. O.

X He had written more at length about this plant in a previous letter. M. L. O.

fifty or more plants of such a very common plant. I have purposely hunted for it too. Well I have pressed several specimens and when I do find more in the fall I can compare at my leisure.

The pretty little plant you enclosed in your letter is one (if I am not mistaken, you see I am hedging now most awfully) I have looked in vain for many times in my rambles but never found. In few floras covering various sections of N.E. it is not given at all but I have heard that further south it is found very plentifully. I call it Podophyllum peltatum L.

No you did not mention Lamium purpureum, L. before. I think it was a nice find. It is always nice to find something like that. It sort of gives one importance, the importance of a discoverer say, yet really it is chance, a sometimes propinquity to a person accustomed to using his eyes, still the propinquity is chance. Still I must confess to a feeling of elation for every find.

I have my press just full of specimens. They have just been pouring in. although the weather has been abominable and

P.S. Does that Bot. Society of which you are Curator keep up its meetings? Was it ever fairly established or did it remain in the formative stage?

M. L. O.

Springfield June 15. 1897.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I can sympathize with you most deeply in the great loss you have met with, for my own mother died twenty-seven years ago, and far from growing used to life without her, I miss her more and more with each succeeding year. Such mourning must be right; it leads me to try to live so that I may be equally missed when I go, and my best wish for sorrowing friends is that the memory of their lost ones may never die out of their hearts.

My husband is failing but not rapidly; clear days (the few that we have) he seems quite comfortable, but damp, sultry weather is bad for him. He needs no waiting upon, so our daily life goes on as usual.

My young friend Floyd is taking

will recover her usual health in the rest that she can have there. I shall not think of leaving my husband, of course. Mr. Dame is looking towards Nantucket, though not quite decided when he wrote last. A friend of Miss Coffin's has just come back from the island; she meant to stay through June when she went, but Mrs. Fish, her landlady, had taken down the stoves in her house, or all but one, and it was so cold that the lady could not stay. She reports that it had rained thirty-two successive days, but she declares that she liked the place in spite of everything.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen

up his botany with unabated zeal. He tells me that he mounted many of his last year's specimens in what leisure he could find in the winter, by sewing them to the sheets, — a way that he learned of Mrs. Robinson. I fear that he will regret this sometime; I think the usual way of gluing and strengthening with bands when necessary is much the best. He did not know that Mrs. Robinson was but a beginner like himself, and had had little opportunity to learn the accepted, regulation ways. He has got much useful information lately from Mr. Fernald who invited him to call, but I think it was about camping out and collecting in really wild, deep woods, on Mt. Katahdin, for instance.

Mr. Floyd is certainly a keen observer; he thinks he has found Potentilla Pennsylvanica, L. which is not in the Park Flora, nor the Middlesex. I will enclose the dried up specimen which he sent in the temporary lack of a better one. I never saw the flower; you can glance at this and then throw it away; if you want an hbm. specimen, you can have one, as you will see by the leaf from Mr. Floyd's letter which I enclose for further light.

Then he has a Leontodon which he thinks is not L. autumnalis. I will send you that. In the Torrey Club Catalogue I find L. hirtus, and L. hispidus. Can this be one of those species? There is a L. pratensis too, but the roughness of this plant leads me to guess that it may one of these others; their specific names are suggestive.

I suppose you will soon be starting for the country, and I hope your wife much good.

I have looked upon this young man with anxiety ever since I have understood his character. His passion for science is as absorbing as Edison's for electric research, (Edison's or electric science and that of others who give their whole thought and life to some engrossing pursuit; they seem possessed by a power over which they have no control. As Floyd has talked to me; I have read his letters with vague presentiments of trouble ahead, and now it has come. He has done the work of two men too long. He is a civil engineer and from that business comes his living, as he must depend on himself for his support, but after work is over, he is off to some collecting ground; every Sunday and all holidays devoted to this loved pursuit of his, — recreation he would call it, but to me it required as much strength of body as his regular business

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Springfield, Mass. Oct. 2. '97.

My dear Mrs. Deane,

I am glad to think of you and yours up in the mountains; the whole of July to me was like a long term of high pressure. We are comfortably well enough in this house, but I don't do much beyond that read, and write a letter occasionally. My children are in Colorado. Walter had a [illegible] rheumatic fever that began April 1. Dr. Gilpin who attended him, goes out to Glenwood Springs for three months every year — resident physician at the Colorado Hotel. He advised Walter's going out to take the course of waters, baths &c. to complete his cure, so he started June 25. Emily went for company, and an attendant, a day nurse was taken, because even then Walter could neither feed nor dress himself.

I have had many letters from [illegible], — so encouraging. The place and spot you are [illegible] 5 hundred feet above the sea, that it is but [illegible] in the very [illegible] [illegible] there), — you [illegible] [illegible] however in all the surroundings.

Mr. Floyd wants to know whether you would like to have specimens of the Potentillas and Leontodon sent. One of the former answered the description of P. recta so exactly that there seemed to be no doubt about the name. The other seemed all right for P. Pennsylvanica, but was out of the region laid down in the Manual. P. recta appears in the Middlesex Flora in Malden & Concord.

Mr. Floyd wrote from Henniker, N. H. and I am much concerned about his condition. I did not know that he was in his usual health, — no hint of anything different in any of his previous letters, and in this last one, of July 7, the first from [illegible] came in [illegible] [illegible] weeks — then he says "This is a [illegible] quiet little country place. I came here for complete rest and am doing nothing as yet. I have let everything drop, we rest and are thought about, and I think I feel better". He [illegible] in first letter, — that is [illegible] [illegible] to say — "It is not very often I am absolutely inactive like this, but it pays at times. In driving about the village" — "driving" — that goes to my heart; in health he would ask nothing better than a chance to walk miles and explore a new locality. He speaks of plants that he saw from the carriage and then closes with "I shall do more collecting now. As yet I haven't been up to it, I was simply all tired out. I think I am all right now. I shall stay here a week longer, and then back to town

A NEW FLORAL WONDER.

[From the London Mail.]

The annual Temple gardens flower show opens to-day, and among the exhibits will be an extraordinary orchid from the collection of Mr Sander of St Albans. It is a specimen of the Cattleya Reineckiana. The wings of its seagull-like blossom are white as snow, while the body portion is of gold and vermilion, eight inches across. It is the largest and most beautiful Cattleya ever known to the civilized world, and it would take 1000 guineas to buy it. Arnold, the famous orchid collector, sent it home to Mr Sander just before he lost his life while hunting for further similar treasures. Arnold was the man who, while traveling for Messrs Sander in Venezuela, made the acquaintance of a young fellow who appeared to be roving for pleasure. Arnold traveled with him for some distance, but a few chance words in a wayside inn made Arnold aware that the supposed pleasure-seeker was really another orchid collector, bent on the same errand as himself, and using every means to supplant him. At once Arnold drew his revolver, and there and then gave his acquaintance the option of either fighting a duel with him or retiring from the field. The latter course was chosen.

Arnold's death, soon afterward, under circumstances which have never yet been cleared up, is by no means a solitary example of the perils of orchid hunting, and though in the more civilized districts the work is comparatively easy, there are still countries in which an orchid seeker may be said to carry his life in his hands. Mr Sander yesterday told a Daily Mail reporter that he has at the present time a collector who has been in his service for years, and was well acquainted with Arnold, who for love of his work voluntarily offered to go to the East in search of a splendid orchid known to exist there, but of which hitherto only one solitary specimen has been sent home. A magnificent kind in floral beauty, it surpasses all its kindred, but its habitat is located on the terra of skull hunters and skull collectors. Yet this enthusiast, fully aware of the risks he runs, has started with the determination to return with it. Those who know the treacherous character of the Javan sea natives, and the deadly nature of the climate found in the jungle and swampy districts, will obtain a slight idea of his undertaking. Once before, taking advantage of a punitive expedition organized by the chief of a small island against a neighboring tribe, he was within a short distance of the locality in which he believes the coveted treasure to exist, and possibly, had the tribe he accompanied been victorious, orchid collections would have been all the richer for one more of nature's choicest gems. But it was not to be. The opposing tribe had received notice, and the collector's friends met with such a warm reception as caused them to retreat with more precipitation than in such a climate, and under such circumstances, is conducive to comfort. More than one narrow escape befell the collector. The scar from a jagged fish spear which grazed his cheek still remains, and shortly after he found himself facing two of the enemy, armed with their long, curved krisses, but fortunately he reached the boats in safety, though with the total loss of his equipment, and finally arrived at Singapore. One experience such as this would be sufficient for most men, but, nothing daunted, he has returned again to try to secure the orchid. No news has yet been heard of his luck.

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and his thesis, necessary mountaineering + letter-writing took his mind [illegible] uncertain and I fear, hastened the [illegible] this [illegible] of [illegible]. If he had seen a man [illegible] coming to me some day with his friends, his doubts & queries and his plans, I think I could have held him back, but I saw from the beginning that I could not influence him by anything I might write.

This world is far from right in many ways, but it will be some time, and when it is, nice young men won't have to work themselves to death in the wrong places. Mr. Floyd in a right world would be on his way to becoming a famous plant collector, — serving his apprenticeship, we'll say under Mr. Pringle in California and then pressing forward into virgin wilds, seeking for orchids like the man told of in the enclosed cutting, only I hope he would [illegible] does a [illegible] in the way of — shutting out. [illegible] when the world is '*right*' it will mean then co-operation not competition in the race of life.

I will send you a few [illegible]. [illegible] concerning the '[illegible]' [illegible]; I should advise you to give it to some special pet, or else to some one who would know the meaning of the words in the sense, words doubtless carried also on the regimental flag.

The winter work amongst boys that you are looking forward to will be pleasant I am sure from the way you speak of it — What it is you did not explain.

Mrs. Robinson says flowers are very abundant in Nantucket this year. She has found new localities for some plants in the Catalogue. She was going to invite Mr. Dame to spend a day with her in botanical conference going over her herbarium &c.

With regards to both, yours very truly, M. L. Owen

Springfield, Aug. 13. 185[illegible]

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Dear Mr. [illegible],

I was much interested in what you told me of the work you are going to do for the [illegible], & should think it would be delightful. [illegible] I hope you will [illegible] in the [illegible] by the time.

I am going to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] in the [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] forget it [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible].

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I put in the [illegible] [illegible] of the 'Colorado' & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the mountains.

days for his return, and then [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — perhaps. If I had [illegible] it [illegible], I [illegible] to have a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — the [illegible] [illegible] that my [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible].

We are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] to Cambridge, we [illegible] [illegible] them [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible]; the [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a little [illegible] for a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. We have [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible], right way of [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the right [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in this [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and one of them, I will [illegible] them to [illegible] for [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that I [illegible] them to [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible].

You [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the great [illegible] in Cambridge, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ago. I [illegible] one [illegible] it [illegible]; it is a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible], but the [illegible] is [illegible] that I [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I think it is a [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible]. That [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible].

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[illegible]

more use of them gradually; he can dress himself, draw enough to give his ideas to his draughtsmen, write really very well, manage a fork & spoon at the table and to some degree a knife, so there is much to be thankful for. He came home about ten days ago, but stopped here less than a day, because he was much needed at the office in New York.

You leave the country when it is most delightful and beautiful, but of course you want to take advantage of mild pleasant weather for your auntie's journey; I hope she will stand it well.

It doesn't give me the least trouble to send you letter headings & such things; ~~my~~ I only had to mention that I would like them and my son & daughter & sister-in-law put them into their letters to me when they think of it, so as long as you can please any little hearts with them you may have them.

With kindest regards to your wife & yourself

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen.

Springfield Dec. 2. 1897.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I must thank you for your kind letter bringing the sympathy of yourself & your wife. My husband's death had been so long expected, that I was as fully prepared for it as one can ever be for such a change, and we could not mourn that his sufferings were over. I am gradually growing used to my new life, — learning to depend upon myself for some cares that my husband always took, and I have taken up the ordinary routine of life. It is much better for me, I am sure, than to shut myself up and put my work upon others. Yesterday I went to our botanical society; I was glad to get back to those familiar friends in our quiet room, but besides that, being President, I thought I ought to go.

The person who brought in the Menispermum for a name was not there; he very seldom attends, but I will ask when I see him again, if he can get an herbarium specimen next summer. It had never been brought in before, and none of our members had ever seen the plant. I will put another leaf into this letter to see if you know it. Don't take any trouble about it; I shall find out myself if the plant ever blooms. It came up in my yard, — a seedling, — about four years ago, and is now about five feet high. It has a woody stem, but its style of branching suggests so far a shrub more than a tree. Some of my friends thought it might be the hackberry, — Céltis occidentalis; there is no tree of that kind within my reach to compare it with.

When you first get back to Cambridge you will have much to occupy you, and will not think of inviting company out from Boston, — even botanical company, but I will mention, for you to lay up in mind, that Mr. Floyd has at his own disposal his evenings, Saturday afternoons and Sundays, and will call on you with pleasure at any time that you may set within those limits. His address is Fred. G. Floyd Room 23 Old Court House, Boston. I think he is really under good self-control about his dearly-loved botany; he puts his business first, and keeps his recreation in the background till the right time to bring it out and enjoy it.

My son after whom you inquire is much better; his general health seems fully restored. His arms and wrists are still stiff, but he seems to be gaining

The leaves are not all as large as this; they are alternate, and most of them oblique at the base. I am writing in the evening and got this in the dark.

Mr. Dame never replied to my queries about that Nantucket Habenaria, which was not bright orange, not deeply fringed in its lip and not showy enough by any means to be called the handsomest of its genus. I suppose you will see him in the course of the fall or winter, and I wish you would see if he sent a specimen to Cambridge, and what his own deliberate opinion of it was. He is no letter-writer, except on the greatest occasions — as this discovery certainly was, so I shall never know any more of it from him directly.

M. L. O.

Springfield, Nov. 28. 1897.

Dear Mr. Deane,

We have had quite a pleasant Thanksgiving here, with my son and daughter both at home. Walter is gaining the use of his stiff elbow joint by degrees and we hope will be as well as ever by next summer. Our botanical Society closed its meetings for the season the last Friday in October; we gave especial attention to mushrooms for the whole six months, and one of our members collected cooked and ate nine different kinds in that time. My list is shorter; I count up only six, but they made up in abundance for the lack of variety; there were two kinds growing so near us that I could run out, collect enough for a good meal

I promised Dr. Robinson a list of the new plants found since the catalogue came out if I ever had time to make it, — a promise worded in such a way that I can keep it.

I fancy you now much occupied with your new work amongst the birds. You will be interested in the account of some bird groups in our Art Museum, all made and placed there since you were here. They are beautiful and lifelike and instructive, but I do hate to have the pretty creatures killed even for this purpose. I can't help admiring them, however; there was nothing that I saw in the So. Kensington half as pleasing to me as the long rows of cases of birds mounted in this way. Such an exhibit was entirely new to me then, and I little thought that I should soon see in my own home just such work, done too by the very people who had done what was then under my admiring eyes.

Please remember me to your wife. I hope she and you both are feeling the good effects of your long stay in the mountain air of New Hampshire. Yours very truly Maria L. Owen and get back in fifteen minutes from the time of starting. I don't know that you have ever given them any study for this very practical application of your knowledge. We are very cautious in our society about encouraging the table use of mushrooms, so we have given no publicity to our studies, and in answer to questions though we have willingly shown the contents of our baskets, ~~we~~ and have displayed what we were going to cook, we have added most emphatic warnings about the poisonous kinds. A woman in this city was poisoned to death by eating mushrooms that she had collected herself and which she felt sure were wholesome; if she had been one of our members, or had even learned anything, — wrong or right, — from us, we should have felt it as a calamity that we could never get over, but she was an utter stranger to every one of us, and we knew nothing of her experience with any mushrooms till we read of her sad fate in the papers.

I had a pleasant letter from Dr. Robinson a while ago, as you may know. Carrying out instructions from the T. Botanical Club, he wanted to know how (or where) to get a Nant. Catalogue, and I let him know by promptly sending him a copy, — quite gratified to find that the Club would value it. But there are some errors that I wish I had corrected; besides those noticed in "Corrections and Additions" there is one on page 55. S. sylvestris, L. should be P. sylvestris, L. If it ever comes handy perhaps you will rectify these things with pen or pencil, but if not, there is the consolation of knowing that nobody cares but myself.—

Springfield. Dec-15-1897-

I find today that we have neither the Vaccinium nor Rhododendron that you wish to see in our Hbm. I dare say they might be found in the Hbm. of Smith College (address Prof. Genung) or of Mt. Holyoke College (Miss Hooker) or of one or both of the Amherst Colleges where I do not know the professors. I guess they would be willing to help you at either place. I know Miss Hooker ~~t~~a most zealous and enthusiastic botanist, but I can't think of her first name. She has been a teacher at Mt. Holyoke for many years, - perhaps she is a professor by title. Letter later. M. L. O.

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield. Dec. 22. 1897

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am glad to hear that Coprinus Comatus grows near you, — and on what soil, if you please? Here, invariably, as far as we know, on dumping grounds, Digger out of the coal ashes, or what not? — with one apparent exception however. Gibson says in his "Our Edible Toadstools and Mushrooms" that its habitat is "Lawns, pastures, gardens and rich grounds in the neighborhood of barns &c.", and the second place where I found it was a beautiful lawn, but when the later five or six were all dumps, I recollected that the pretty lawn was on made land. Twenty years ago it was a deep dell; I frequently passed it and observed its gradual filling up, summer after summer, till at last five or six years ago it was sodded and I forgot its origin, till the recurrence of the Coprinus in such dissimilar places brought the mor-

I have no monograms this time, but perhaps some young friend of yours is collecting society and city seals; at any rate these came to me, and may as well go into my envelope. And I charge you not to take the trouble to thank me every time for these trifles, — it grows monotonous! And I recall my cousin (somewhat removed) Benjamin Franklin's suggestion to his father to ask a blessing over the whole barrel of pork instead of asking it all winter long for the portions that appeared on the table, — an example that you can follow. The Dr. is not my own first cousin, because I live too late in the centuries, but two of my ancestors, one on my grandfather's side, and the other on my grandmother's, stood in exactly that relation to him.

But I must close, — and with all the good wishes of the season to you and your wife,

I remain, as ever

Your sincere friend. Maria L. Owen

memory back to me. So far, as I have read, Agaricus Campestris and its varieties are all that can be depended on to grow in cultivation, but it seems as if this C. comatus might be raised to great profit when its habits were understood, for it is a "Delmonico luxury" says Gibson, "dainty diet, fit for a king", and where it grows it is abundant and sure. Perhaps I mentioned before that Dr. Chapin collected about twenty pounds in less than half an hour one morning, and by no means exhausted the crop.

I send you a little Christmas gift, a copy of the tail piece of one of Gibson's most charming magazine articles; — "A Masquerade of Stamens" it is called, but the author doesn't confine himself to stamens, he gives drawings of petals besides and "a few queer blossoms", and gives no names to any of them, thus making a pretty floral riddle, and at the end seems to confess his purpose, by putting this question mark as a challenge — "What are we?" And I challenge you with it, to tell where the artist found all the component parts that he has twined together. If you can't name them now, I will give you the coming year for your task, — as long as the flowery season lasts. I confess that I don't know them all myself, but I have the original to refer to and to study from.

You may think I made the copy myself; I was going to do so, but when my son heard my plan, and offered to set one of his draughtsmen to take the work, I gave it up to those more skillful hands.

I hope you found the Rhododendron and Vaccinium that you wanted; I don't believe they grow about here, even on Mt. Tom or Mt. Toby. I see that Mr. Dame found the variety of the Rhododendron in Nantucket.

Springfield, Dec- oh-h-h!
Jan - 14 - 1898 -

Dear Mr. Deane,

Is n't it ungrateful, and uncivil and unpolite and unkind and unbearable and unpardonable, and even unexpected and unthought of and unsupposable that I should wait three weeks before thanking you for your Christmas remembrance of me? That pretty little calendar & memorandum book! I value it and thank you and your wife very much for it. And my cousin wants me to say the same for her pretty pansy calendar. She gave it a place at once in her writing box and there it will remind her of you all through the year. Time & again she has wished that she had written to you at once and sent her thanks instead of waiting for this dilatory old sinner, but having let the proper - the acceptable, time pass by, she hated to start up and write at a very wrong time, so she even had to wait to the end- But you are by no means

delight, but I wish I could run down to Nantucket and see the Jasmine in bloom on "Chicken Hill". And I am pretty sure I could find Groundsel and chickweed in bloom in yard that I know. When I do go again I must look for that S. viscosus which the last edition of the Manual mentions - Is the N. E. Club flourishing? Meetings well attended? How often are they held?

But no more now except kind regard to yourself and wife from

Your sincere friend
Maria L. Owen-

the only friend whose letter lies unanswered; a pile of nice friendly epistles is under my eyes every day: I diminish it by not more than two a week. But of business letters there is no end, and my diligence & promptness about those is exemplary if I do say it myself. If I let *them* accumulate I should get entirely discouraged, and *my* interests would suffer too. You will be indulgent and excuse me I am sure.

I wonder if you know in what a serious condition Mrs. Batchelder is. She has been running down for a long time and it was settled at last that she had a tumor which must be removed as her only chance of life. This was done Wednesday the 5th inst. She bore the operation well, and on the sixth day which was the critical one, Mr. B. wrote again, and again with good news. She was doing well and was in good spirits. I don't suppose you ever met Mrs. Batchelder; — a lovely lady, pretty, charming in disposition & manners, a great favorite with all who know her. She is almost as good a botanist as her husband, — and perhaps I need not say "almost". I hope she will be restored to health, — she is one whom her friends and society can ill spare.

I hope you are enjoying the open winter. I am; I wish a January thaw would begin the minute the mercury sinks to freezing point in November (or *October*) and last till a month beyond the vernal equinox. This present thaw is of course my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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the new [illegible] magazine, and also the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]. Our [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] for us [illegible]

[illegible] may not [illegible] it [illegible], for she was absent [illegible]

the meeting; [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in time, [illegible] even.

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[illegible] [illegible] your letter was [illegible] — [illegible]

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield. June 2.–1891

Dear Mr. Deane,

I suppose our secretary sent you word that the Sp. Bot. Society would subscribe for the new bot. magazine, and you had my promise before. What attracts me to it is that it is not to be exceedingly scientific. I am glad you enjoy your bird studies. I wonder if you ever knew a sparrow hawk to build a nest and rear a brood in a barn in daily use. I know of such a case, and I can't say enough in praise of that judicious, discriminating, obliging bird, for the barn owner is one of the two best ornithologists in Springfield, made for the time being a proud and happy man.

Our best botanical find this year so far is Pentstemon grandiflorus, Fraser. Dr. Chapin and two of the ladies of our Society found a patch of it, – about one hundred plants, large & small, and about

Twenty five in bloom, fine, thrifty specimens. All this was in woods on the edge of the town, not near any railroad. It may be a survival of the flora partially driven out by the first settlers and their successors, or it may at some time have been cultivated as a garden flower and sprung from seed carried there by bird or wind. I can't find it in the Preliminary Catalogue of the Torrey Club, 1888, — only P. pubescens, Solander. This latter species is not very rare with us — scarce, I should call it, but every few years somebody brings it in, and we know perhaps half a dozen widely distant localities. Then once I had P. Digitalis, Nutt. brought up from Connecticut, ~~and that is not in the Torrey Catalogue either. But~~ These two are in the Torrey Catalogue as P. hirsutus (L.) Willd. & P. laevigatus Soland. var. Digitalis (Nutt.) Gray.

~~O~~ Another find is Viola pubescens, var. scabriuscula — three plants — Britton

For the New Island.

[For Inquirer and Mirror.]

Mr. Editor:

Here's Off-Island sailing down to vote upon that cut-off piece of Nantucket, with Coatue on all her flying colors. And her crew? Legal voters every one. By birth or residence, and by true love, all have a right to join in the annual Boston reunion of Nantucketers, and what fuller credentials can be required?

And thus speaks the skipper:

I have read the list of names proposed for the new island and admire their brightness and wit,--their appropriateness also if the island were new in another sense,—if the old giant sachem had lately found his moccasins full of sand again, and had emptied them out as before into the ocean. But the island under anxious consideration now, is not new in that way, and I feel that no new name could ever find or make a warm place in Nantucket hearts, so my choice, after hovering over Coatue and Coskata, has settled upon the former, and I do not see that any confusion or misunderstanding would arise from having the name of the whole the same as that of one of the parts.

Let us suppose a name agreed upon and bestowed; can we also suppose an occasion for using it? Should we ever say "I am going over to Little Nauticon" or to "Cactus," or whatever? No; the inclusive name will always stay in innocuous desuetude, [like, for instance, the "Sia" of 'Sconset.

Coskata has good claim, and it would be my second choice, but isn't it simply the eastern end and expansion of Coatue? We easily conceive of Coatue as including Coskata, but not the reverse. Coatue has always been a pleasure resort for the town's folk, is more in evidence, is endeared by a thousand memories, has had poetry written about it,—twice! Has Coskata even once?

And Mr. Editor, can't you look up Charles F. Briggs' pretty sonnet, "Coatue," in "Seaweeds from the Shores of Nantucket," and reprint it in your columns? It would be new to most of your readers and would please all.

MARIA L. OWEN, Springfield.

Indorsed by Mary G. Tallant, Northampton, Susan C. Hosmer, Worcester, Emily Shaw Forman, Wellesley Hills, Herbert Shaw Forman, Cambridge, Harriet P. Hazard, Roxbury, Bertha Hazard, Roxbury,

"O yes, we two
Go in for Coatue."

Lorin L. Dame, Medford, with Isabel A. Dame, Gertrude Dame, Ruth Burleigh Dame, Olive Arnold Dame and Isabel Dame Bacon, also of Medford, Sarah J. Baker, Roxbury, Charlotte M. Gardner, Roxbury, Emily C. Coffin, Springfield, Margaret Swift Hosmer, Worcester, Louise Hosmer, Medford, Walter Tallant Owen, New York,

"The dream of my life is to have that island
named Coatue."

Amelia L. Owen, Boston, Alice Weld Tallant, Boston, George H. Mackay, Maria M. Mackay, Pauline Mackay, Caroline V. McGuffey, Margaret D. McGuffey, Boston.

So say we, all of us.

SPRINGFIELD, March 26, 1898.

THE LIST.

Coatue.
Nauma.
Wonoma.
Great Point.
Coskata.
Offspring Island.
Right Arm Island.
Backus Island.
Coskata.
Coskata.
Coskata.
Coatue.
Cedar.
Cedar.
Cutaway.
Shetucket.
Sandy Point.
Sandy Land.
Sandiland.
Klondike.
Coskata.
Century.
Centennial
Columbus.
Coatue.
Ocean Grant.
Cedar.
Whale Isle.
Cedar.
Plum.
Crescent.
Crescent.
Cactus.
Quary.
Noconomo.
Macy.
Gosling.
Storm.
Weewinnet.
Nauma.
Sherburne.
Little Sherburne.
New Sherburne.
Tempest.
Quary.
Coskata.
Sachem.
Island Home.
Independence.
Rivenoak.
New Nantucket.
Little Nantucket.
Coatue.
Harbor Island.
Channel Island.
Easterly Island.
Coatue.
Quary.
Windmere.
Coatue.
Ocean's Choice.
Infant Island.
White Island.
Nantuquito.
Tashma.
Coatue.
Nichanoose.
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Haulaway.
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Cedar.
Last.
Little Nauticon.
Coskata.
Coskata.
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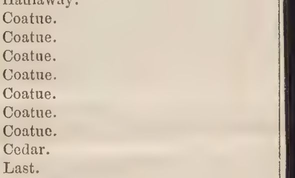
Coatue.

This is a list that the editor put in
week after week — easy way of filling space in his columns—
It "pretends" to be a full an "accurate" list of all the names that
had been sent in, but it is not so.



give this variety specific rank, and it is in appearance different enough from the type to attract the eye at once. Bradford Torrey tells quite at length of his pleasure at finding it in Virginia in "A week in the Alleghanies" in the April Atlantic.

I send a few letter headings. The young friend who receives the Nant.-Hist.-Society's seal, as shown on the envelope, may like to know its meaning. In 1659 Thomas Mayhew of Martha's Vineyard sold his property in Nantucket, a large part of the island, to nine men who meant to settle there, for thirty pounds in money and two beaver hats one for himself and one for his wife. The seal tells the story. The bow and arrow refer of course to the original owners. I suppose you and your wife will soon be off to one of your pleasant country resorts where I wish you both much health and happiness. Yours very truly

(over) Maria L. Owen.

I almost forgot to mention the business part of this letter. I wrote it by itself on a separate sheet so as to give you just as little trouble as possible. I suppose you know some one who can tell Mr. Dana what he wants to know and if you will give him the two letters Mr. Dana's & mine you will not have to add a single word yourself.

I enclose a letter of mine to the Nantucket paper. It is far more in fun than in earnest, and you won't understand the local allusions, and you know nothing about the previous letters that the Inquirer had been publishing for months. All these things are not worth explaining, but you will see some familiar names appended as my supporters. Even that string of indorsers is a joke. This was lying here & I thought I might as well send it as to throw it into my waste basket.

W-L-G-

38 Union St.
Springfield Mass
June 21 - 1878

Dear Mr. Deane,

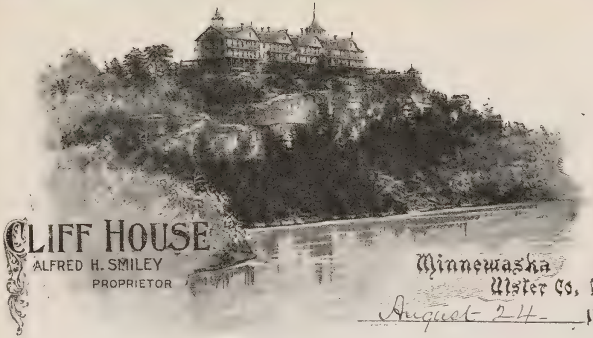
I enclose a letter in reply to which I could only tell Mr. Dana that I must ask for a little time, to get the desired information from some one who knew more than I about that department of botany.

I hope you can, without trouble, put the letter into the hands of some one able and willing to promote science here in Springfield, by giving the list which is wanted.

I should like to have it somewhat classified in this way: - the books to be bought first for beginners, and those to be added later when needed. I don't believe there is a single student of Lichens in this City, in our Botanical Society, now in its twenty-third year, some of us know the common species by sight and name, and we should probably use a work for beginners. My way would be to put in only two or three elementary works, and add others as asked for. Any other way seems to me a waste of money, for before there is interest enough in this neighborhood in the study of lichens and advancement enough to go deeply into it, the present books may be quite out of date, superseded by those giving the result of later researches. Any more books would only make a show on the shelves, and I think that is not the aim of the trustees of this Memorial Library fund which is not a large one.

If you will help me in this matter as you have in so many before this, you will oblige again

Your sincere friend
Maria L. Owen.



CLIFF HOUSE
ALFRED H. SMILEY
PROPRIETOR
Minnewaska
Ulster Co, N.Y.

August 24. 1898.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I should guess that you were in Jaffrey now, if it were not for the meeting of the Am. Ass. which is beginning about this time. If you are attending that, shall you have time to give to the enclosed leaves and berries for which I want a name? You will know right off; I have a guess, myself, but am unfortunately here without my Manual; it shall never happen

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you just tell me what it is on a postal ~~nam~~ card? The name will be enough without another word. Then answer the letter at your leisure. Our address for the next week will be Rice's Inn

Hoosac Tunnel
Mass.

Hoosac Tunnel is a very prosaic name for a lovely place. I spent a week there once with my sister-in-law Mrs. Tallant, and now that my daughter is with me I want her to see it before we go home.

If you carry out your plan you will soon be at Wells, but wherever you are you and your wife have my best wishes for a pleasant time.

Your sincere friend
Maria L. Owen.

again – I enclose the letter that came with the leaves – Mr. Whiting is one of the editors of the Republican, something of a botanist, and a true flower lover. Once in a while he writes an article for the paper, in the style of Bradford Torrey, or John Burroughs, or Frank Bolles, – I mean he writes on the things that they love so well, and his style is fully equal to that of any of them –

It is pleasant up here, but wiltingly hot for the last three days, though we are 1550 ft. above the sea. At the base of the mountain and for some distance up the rhododendron grows; then that leaves off and the vegetation is that of our N. Eng. wood – quite luxuriant too. I have seen one little tuft of *Arenaria Groenlandica*, right in a rocky and much trodden path; I didn't expect that subalpine plant here, the first thing that comes down from the mountain tops to give me a welcome in all my past experience has been Potentilla tridentata, but I have not seen that here – I have looked for Linnaea too in vain – About the commonest golden rod is S. odora, a species very rare in the neighborhood of Springfield –

I am much obliged for your passing my letter along to Miss Cummings of Wellesley College, and I suppose after vacation I shall get a list of works on lichens from her. When I am settled for the fall & winter, I will send you a Pentstemon grandiflorus – *two* if I find I have enough –

If the specimen enclosed you can name – [Nyssa sylvatica] at once as I think you will be able to, will

I could have made certain myself. How often I bless the "friend in need" and such in botanical matters you have been. I see that a good time you must have had at the meeting of the [illegible]. The [illegible] on which you heard those distinguished speakers were most interesting. I never met Mrs. Goodale, but one summer when she was out of town the Dr. took his meals where I was "boarding". Dr. Watson was there too. I guess you know the house in Garden St. Dr. Gray called it the "Annex to the Bot. Garden." Our kind hostesses were Misses Eliza & Susan Parker. What pleasant memories I have of their little, low studded house, — I could reach the ceiling of the parlor with one hand, and I'm no "maypole."— their yard just full of choice plants, crowding each other, but not overcrowding in their happy growth, and most of all, the dear ladies themselves. When they died, at only a few hours' interval, Col. Higginson wrote an

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tion of the new building to-morrow.

It has been found that the trunk of the "Queen elm" was made up of three distinct trees, which grew together for several feet and then branched out. A large cross section of the trunk about a foot in thickness has been placed in the museum in the Art building, and the unusual growth is well shown.

[illegible]

[illegible],

I have been hunting for [illegible] specimens of [illegible] [illegible] and find that I have [illegible]. [illegible] ; [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] it must, if that can be ascertained. I know Judge [illegible] his own collection, & Dr. [illegible] only for grasses & sedges. Mr. Dame — I [illegible] know his limit [illegible] his [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] me so much in [illegible]. [illegible] Could send the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the meeting, [illegible]

[illegible]

I had a letter from Mr. [illegible] today; he has been botanizing on the sea shore (at Cohasset) for the first time in his life, and of course found many interesting things. He and his wife keep up their observations of birds as well as their study of botany, and they have seen 97 species this year, (up to Oct. 5th) 3 new to them. Mr. Batchelder is a very acceptable lecturer, I judge, from the number of invitations he had last year in various places & the new calls this year. He is doing good work as a naturalist, besides gaining a world of pleasure for himself and his wife, and we in our botanical society claim the credit of starting him on his course. We didn't make a botanist of him, — I doubt whether that can ever be done, — but he was a born chemist and didn't know it till his wife and friends of hers, and his too, who belonged to our association roused his interest. He became at once a valuable member and before the end of the first season was an authority amongst us from the accuracy of his analyses.

When I sent you that little twig & berry from Lake Minnewaska I did not tell you my guess, but you pronounced it [illegible], — Taxus — which was what I had advised my friend to turn to in his Manual, — I hadn't mine with me, or article about them for the Bazar. It was not a formal obituary, and their names were only hinted at, but those who had known them understood.

If Dr. Goodale wants the fourth Pentstemon for the Gray Herb. he may have it.

Judge Churchill may well be surprised at *Eupatorium purpureum* not being in the Nantucket Catalogue; I was surprised myself when I was making up the list to have no report of it. I asked Mr. Dame & the local botanists about it, but no one had ever seen it. However, three or four years later, that is, in August 1891, Miss Mary Foster Coffin found one fine plant six or seven feet high near Miacomet Pond, and that is the only one reported till this that was sent to Judge Churchill.

Pray [illegible] ask him sometime the [illegible] City of his specimen & let me know?

From Lake Minnewaska my daughter & I went to Hoosac Tunnel a most beautiful place. The woods there were rich in fungi, & all very beautiful, none that I knew to be edible except some Clavarias of luxuriant growth. Here in Springfield at this season [illegible] is a place that they are filling up with coal ashes mixed with the other usual dumping matter, can just live upon the maned mushroom, Coprinus comatus. As we have never in a single instance found it anywhere else, I wonder if people of your father's generation couldn't tell you that your neighbor's lawn where you played as a child, was "made land" within their memory. It is so certain to grow on coal ashes that I should think [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are ~~[illegible]~~ safe.

I will put in a violet to show that we have found V. pubescens, Ait. var. scabriuscula, Torr. & Gray. The plant was large & handsome, but I kept my specimens (two) in water a week before pressing, and now I have lost one; no great loss for they were not good herbarium specimens.

With best wishes for a pleasant & profitable season of work amongst the fungi, & kind regards to you & your wife,

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen

Springfield, Oct. 15. 18[illegible]

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send the Pentstemons with this, and in addition to what I have put on the labels I will say that the plants were found in neglected poor land, overgrown with bushes and weeds; a few scrub oaks here & there. The spot had evidently never been under cultivation, and there was but one house anywhere near; that was a small, poor looking dwelling with no garden from which these plants could have escaped, and the place was too far from a railroad to suspect introduction from that quarter.

Our botanical society meets weekly from May to October inclusive, so that we are near the end of our season. We had a good meeting yesterday, — a number of mushrooms shown. *Polyporus sulphureus*, new to most of us, and Hypholoma perplexum, not so new, but which we never felt sure of till yesterday; our specimens were good and we compared it to our satisfaction with the description in one of Prof. Peck's books.

Take *your* time to answer my "nice" letter; the word of praise will keep me along sometime! But a better reason is that I am busy enough myself to be *very* indulgent to 'all' delays in correspondence.

Yours with kind regards
Titania L. Owen.

P.S. I was sorry to find when I took my plants out of press that they had been eaten, — not *by* the usual herbarium pest, but *by* some insect on the specimens, in some stage, either egg or larva, when they went into press; egg, I guess, as I did not notice *anything* of the sort. I "saved the pieces" and you can put them together on the mounting sheet.

T.L.O.

Springfield, [illegible]: 878

Dear Mr. Deane

I am my own publisher and think I may like to advertise the Catalogue, but I must write to Nantucket first and see how many copies are left on hand there. I will write today, ~~and~~ but I am afraid I shall be too late for the January number, which will be the best one for advertising. I'll try.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

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Mr. Walter Deane

29 Brewster St.

Cambridge

Mass.

Springfield, Dec. 18. 1898.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have only half answered a number of your letters but I have kept them together, and will now take them up in order, going back to Oct. 23. In that you mention your Shakspeare Club; I have belonged to four in the course of my life, but never fifteen years to any one. That length of time must make it part of your life, — something "grappled to your soul with hooks of steel".

Have you distributed the Pentstemons yet? The last time I heard from Mr. Floyd he had not received his, but that was some weeks ago. I have read Mr. Fernald's review of the Britton & Brown Manual, and it seemed to me very fair; it is very strange that the authors did not take more pains about getting the range of plants right.

Rhodora is certainly a charming name for the new journal. One of the associate

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The card and letter heading which I enclose are duplicates of what I have sent before, but there are doubtless duplicate little girls that you know, and some one may like to have them.

With all kind regards to you and your wife,

Yours sincerely
Maria L. Owen.

editors of the Springfield Republican is a lover of everything that grows; flowers have such a life and soul that it nearly kills *him* as well as them to pick one; he is a fair botanist, by which I mean that he knows all of our wild plants except the *very* minute & obscure, or if he doesn't he can use the Manual well enough to make out their names, if he has a complete specimen. He was baffled by Nyssa – Tupelo, as you may remember, but of that he had only a few leaves. What I am coming at is that he can write of nature as well as John Burroughs, Bradford Torrey, your lamented Frank Bolles and all that class of lovers of the earth's beauty, and he gives us such an article in the Republican sometimes, and if *Rhodora* reaches him it will be likely to bring out a notice which would be of use to the publishers. The Republican goes all through Western Massachusetts besides much farther and a complimentary *copy* might bring in a number of subscribers.

Hypochaeris radicata in Nantucket is a great surprise. Please tell me the collector's name, locality and date, and any thing else that ought to be entered in the Catalogue of Nant. plants. I think I have a list of discoveries since the Cat. came out worth printing on a leaf to be added; so far I haven't found time to attend to it, but I can at least put the new finds on record on the blank sheets of my own copy. Mr. Dame has some names that he promised to give me; I saw him last June but have heard nothing since.

I am writing in advance of Christmas but I will keep my letter back and send with it a remembrance of the season and you; I meant to have the Calendar cover just the holidays from Christmas to Epiphany but it has run over a little. This isn't botanical at all and so I offer it to Mrs. Deane as well as to you; she will probably remember to take off a leaf every day *which you might forget to do*. It goes with all good wishes for both. I am *very* glad to learn from one of your latest letters that your wife is so well.

Springfield, Dec. 29. 1895.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Please excuse a postal card as a bearer of thanks for the Christmas Greeting which the pretty Skater brings. She stands before me on the table where I write and is a joy whenever I look up; the coloring is beautiful. I have sent Dr. Robinson the address that he wanted, — and he had to put up with a postal card, — but I wrote Mr. Whiting a real letter. Company, past, present & to come, a trip to Northampton and many letters which I must write as soon as I can, take my time just now very fully, but some will be found for *Rhodora*. I hope Mrs. D. is quite well now. Regards to both. M. L. O.

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I have n't that Rhododendron, and am not sure that I ever saw it even, but I should think that Mr. Dame who reported it would certainly have kept a specimen.

M. L. O.

Happy New Year to you.

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Mr. Walter Deane
97 Brewster St.
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South Hadley, Hanover N.H. &c. and everywhere college officers & students & the best people of the neighborhood who cared for our subjects attended the meetings.

Dr. Gray came to our sixth meeting which was held at the Seminary, and brought specimens of _Gloriosa_ which he made the theme of a pleasant and instructive talk: he spoke of the fertilization of _Apios tuberosa_, also. President Clark of Amherst was the delight and pride of our local membership what a talker he was! and he always came with his large botany box full of choice specimens. Those _happy_ times! Nothing less than our complete record can tell of them adequately, but I will give you a few of the best known names from our list of signatures. C. H. Hitchcock of Dartmouth; and his brother Edward of Amherst, William S. Clark of Amherst Ag. College. Edward Tuckerman; D. P. Penhallow a young man then, who has made a name for himself since, A. P. Morgan & his wife [illegible] Morgan both ardent students of fungi, and the

Springfield Feb. 14. 1899

Dear Mr. Deane,

I did all the things that you wanted me to, to secure a notice of "_Rhodora_" in the Republican, but if one appeared it must have come out in the _Sunday_ paper which I seldom see. However I think the journal will make its own _way_: it is very satisfactory.

What an escape Mr. Collins and his sister had from poisoning. I shall be as sure to let the Boletus alone after this as Mr Collins himself. I never did try one, however, — never found one in good condition. Judge Churchill's article was very interesting; the neighborhood of "Sand Springs" reminds me of Nantucket in its wealth of rarities. I hope the Judge is well, — not sent off there for his health. I shall observe carefully the growth of Lycopodium _inundatum_ when I am in Nantucket again; that, with its variety _Bigelovii_ is common enough room [illegible]

The article on the N. E. Bot. Club was interesting, but I could tell the founders of one that they don't seem to have heard of, and that is the "Connecticut Valley Botanical Society" founded in June 1873. At that time I had lived in Springfield twenty years and had hardly met a botanist in all that time, and of course I pined for companionship, so at last I took pains to seek the acquaintance of Miss Shattuck the teacher of botany at Mt. Holyoke Seminary, pulled the wires that got me invited up there, and then I laid before her my plan for stated gatherings of the botanists of the Valley. She approved and told me that Rev. David Peck of Whately would be sure to help me; when I wrote to him he was interested but said that Rev. Henry G. Jesup of Amherst would be an invaluable helper, — and so he proved. Next I invited the three to meet at this house June 10. 1873; they came, stayed a day and a night and we laid our plans, formed and adopted a constitution and chose a president and secretary, leaving other offices unfilled. The first article of the Constitution is "The undersigned, for the promotion of the study of botany, and for mutual improvement in that science, form an association to be called the Connecticut Valley Botanical Society." But no two clubs are exactly alike, but it seems to me that ~~our~~ the aims of these societies are the same. In one respect, however, the N. E. Bot. Club can if it insists upon that point, claim to be the first, — it is a club of gentlemen only, while ours was open to both sexes. I was secretary from the beginning to the end, and have as a valued perquisite (the only one that anybody ever had) the book which contains the complete record. It was a very successful association. Our meetings were held in Amherst were influential in creating that interest. There is an "Institute of Arts and Sciences" lately established in that city and an "Interrogation Club" and an "Audubon Society" formed since Mr. & Mrs. B. went back to live there, and they both take an active part in all of them.

Now that I have commended my cousins I will go back to Mr. Floyd. He is very modest and feels himself quite unworthy of the distinguished company that he meets at the Club, and there is no affectation either when he tells me so. But I feel sure that as an observer he is the equal of many far superior to him in learning; it seems as if no variation from a common form, however slight it may be, escapes his eye. I think you older and wiser men will find him a valuable member for what he will bring to your notice, and as he loves to learn from all sources, men, books & nature, he will grow more & more worthy of his associates.

I hope that Mrs. Deane is as well as ever now, and that you have not had the grippe at all. That affliction has kept away from this family for which we are truly thankful.

With regards to both of you.

Yours sincerely Maria L. Owen

in [illegible] to be [illegible] the times, J. G. Scott of the Westfield Normal School, Wm. Penn Brooks, who has also become pretty widely known; I think he is President of the Ag. College now. Warren Upham then at Dartmouth. Mr. C. G. Pringle the well-known collector said he would come and authorized us to sign his name, but something prevented his attendance after all. The members were so far apart that we had but two meetings a year and later only one, and though that diminished to none, I feel that the Society never died though it slept. One of our members died however, and some moved far away, and botanists became more numerous in the Valley so that nobody was lonesome. We had a flourishing society in Springfield ~~before~~ while the Valley Society was still holding its meetings, so these and some other causes led to the rest in its action which has not yet been broken.

I ought to say something about the members utterly unknown to fame who were drawn out by this association. People from little Country towns, women & men both, hard workers in bread winning occupations, who yet managed to find time for their beloved science and to make progress in it. — They were *born* botanists, and that's the only way you can account for such things. A long story but I felt called on to say *something* for that dear old society, and I could not well say it in fewer words.

Mr. Floyd wrote to me about the new locality for Epipactis Helleborine, that your ornithological friend discovered, and of its mishap before reaching you. "Nothing too good for the baby" seems to be the law in *many* houses.

I feel a personal interest in your Club, I know so *many* of the members; some of them my relatives too, Ferdinand Mathews & Frederick Batchelder. Ferd (to give him the name that his cousins call *him by*) is a *very* nice fellow; his faults, for he certainly has one or two, are on the surface and only skin deep; the better you know him the more you find that is good and pure and lovable. Mr. Floyd told me of his talk on color at a late meeting. I am afraid Mr. Batchelder will not be able to attend *any* meeting till the weather is much milder. A letter of Jan. 21. tells me that he had been sick with "general bronchitis" and is not that a queer disease? Well, it confined him to his bed three weeks, and to the house two more, but he was so much better at the time of writing that he had been able to go up to Concord where he is organist at the Unitarian Church, and take up his interrupted Sunday work. He finds the winter climate of Boston *very* trying. Natural Science is creating much interest in Manchester now, and I feel sure that he and his wife have been

Springfield, Feb. 16. 1899.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I write this supplement to my late letter to ask if a collection of Hepaticae that I have would be of any use to the N. E. Club. It is so old that many of the names are superseded now, but the collectors were Oakes, W. S. Sullivant, B. D. Greene, Prof. E. Tuckerman, T. G. Lea and John Lewis Russell. Mr. Russell left it to me with a number of other similar things, by will. He died in 1871 (I think) and the collection is much older than that. It is not large, not *more* than twenty-five genera is *my* guess without looking over it, all in excellent order in the old-fashioned way of mounting. Mr. Russell's specimens are mostly from his own county, Essex, and Brattleboro, Vt., and range in time from 1840 to 1851; a few were collected in Maine in 1833-4. You know the study of the cryptogams was not advanced in this country in the first half of this century and these may be of the commonest kinds, but these collectors were eminent in their time, as I need not tell you. Now if the Club would like them I will send them by express, prepaid to any place at any time that you may direct; on the other hand, don't accept if you think they are too old to be of use, — I dare say that is the fact, and it won't hurt my feelings in the least — for you to say so.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Ap. 16. 1899.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Dr. Robinson may publish what he wants to of my letter; I am glad to "please" him and feel much complimented besides. I don't remember, in detail, what I wrote, and I think if I had the letter back I might improve it, but I know just what Dr. Robinson thinks — that I should starch and stiffen it if I got it into my hands again, but I shouldn't. However, let him have his own way, — I get rid of some trouble at any rate, and I am pretty busy, as usual. Then didn't I tell you about the E. W. D. in two letters? I thought that the interest you expressed in my first mention of the society led me on to tell you more about it in a subsequent letter. If I did, please let the Doctor have all all the material and make up the article as he likes. I hope it will be a page long so that I can have a few copies to send round to my friends — I don't think I should want twenty-five, although I could contrive to use them to advertise "Rhodora" besides incidentally glorifying myself. Perhaps Dr. Robinson will cut the account by leaving out Mr. Peck's letter; I consider it the very best part of ~~my~~ it ~~account~~, but perhaps it would make the article too long, and the editor is, without question, the best judge of that.

I had the dearest little Houstonia root, all in flower, from North Carolina the other day. I think it was H. patens, Ell. It revived perfectly in water and spread out its little violet-purple flowers, and then I sent it travelling again to Mr. Floyd. Some weeks ago I had bulbs of Aplectrum hiemale from the same friend; I gave those to Mr. Canning of the Smith College botanical garden; he is a first class gardener, and an intimate friend of Mr. Cameron of the Cambridge Bot. garden.

With regards to Mrs. Deane & yourself,

Yours as ever
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Apr. 18. 1899.

Dear Mr. Deane, X i.e. I feel pretty sure it was not in a separate sheet.

I know I didn't send Mr. Peck's letter, for it is fastened ~~it is fastened~~ into my (secretary's) book, but I copied it from beginning to end. Will you please look at the letter of Feb. 14. and see if it contains that copy? — not on a separate sheet X but incorporated in the story. If it is not there, a letter got lost, and that is an uncommon thing in this climate as Gail Hamilton once remarked. If you have it then you have missed the best thing that I wrote.

M. L. Owen.

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
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Springfield, May 15 - 18[illegible].

Dear Mr. Deane,

The proof of the [illegible] Bot. Soc. article came to me today and I have just finished correcting it. It set me to thinking again about the letter or letters to you. Didn't I copy for you one that I received from Mr. Peck while we had our plans under consideration? But I can answer that question myself — I did copy it; what I want to know is whether you received it; if not, a letter of mine got lost, and that is a very uncommon thing.

A piece of news for you is that I am going to Europe for the summer, — my daughter, as usual, my companion. We are to sail June 7th

I am extremely busy as you may imagine. When I have been abroad before my husband arranged some things for me, my housekeeping went on as usual with Miss Coffin at the head, and I hadn't much to do but to pack my trunk and start. But now I am going to close the house, and I must arrange everything for that and also for my return. It doesn't seem as if I could accomplish it all, in addition to my daily work and the unexpected things that come in continually, but I shall get away at any rate. My cousin is going to Nantucket to stay all the time that I am gone.

I hope Mrs. Deane continues as well as when you gave such a good report of her health.

With best regards to both

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

in the Armenian from Boston,
and have our return tickets by
the Mesaba from London — Septem-
ber 21st, which gives us three
full months on the other side.
We shall not stray from the British
Isles, unless we go over to Normandy
for a short time. We both so want
to see Italy, but summer is no time
for southern Europe, and the sights
of "our old home" are inexhaustible,
and the climate, so cool, allows us to
travel without fatigue. We have never
been in Ireland and we mean to
go there first for a few weeks, then
to North Wales, and spend all the rest
of the time in making our slow
and devious way to London where we
shall spend the last fortnight. But
all this is subject to change.

I suppose your plans for summer
are all made; if you go to Duffery
you may meet my friend Mrs. Forman
as you did once before. I believe you
did not find out that she was a
very fair botanist as well as a true
lover of flowers. Her time through
life has been much taken up with
other things, so that she has not made
botany so much of a study as she would
have been glad to do, but she can
appreciate others' work.

Some botanical matter came to
me a short time ago, but with
nothing to indicate the sender. The
pamphlets ~~was~~ contained articles by
Dr. Robinson and Mr. Fernald. I
am much obliged for the attention,
but do not know where to send my
thanks.

[illegible], [illegible] 25. 1877.

Dear Mr. Denny, I am pleased at your wanting my address; of course you mean to use it and if you do I shall be still more pleased. [illegible] from there my letters will be forwarded. Care of [illegible] London England.

Of [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]!

I [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] and see if they can [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this year.

[illegible] — Is the [illegible]

J.-W. Thanks for your good [illegible], [illegible] species or [illegible]? Where can I find a description? If there is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] (tip) [illegible]

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
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Springfield Oct. 5. 1899.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I got home three days ago, but did not receive your letter till last evening. I found that Miss Barnard in Nantucket had not previously sold a single copy of the Catalogue this year, so I shall discontinue my advertisement. Your preceding letter showed by its date that I was on the ocean when it was written; it reached me somewhere in Ireland – in Dublin perhaps. I have no time for writing letters yet, for I find much more than the usual fall work to be done about the house, and shall not get settled for a month. What do you think of my being obliged, at this season of the year, to have my whole furnace taken apart for some internal repairs?! But on the other hand I have a new girl who is going to prove a jewel I feel sure, and that is a compensation for which I am not ungrateful. I am ready to have letters though not to answer them. With regards to you & your wife Yours very truly [illegible]

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
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[illegible] Dec. 23. 1879

Dear Mrs. Dana,

I send you a little Christmas remembrance in the form of a [illegible]. I [illegible] there is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] practical purposes, as this will make a [illegible] show on your writing desk, and is a souvenir of Edinburgh where I bought it.

I wish I had time to write you a letter, but I never had a busier three months in my life than these last, since I came here. I have not even been able to arrange the pressed flowers that I collected abroad — there they lie in the sheets — tied up [illegible] [illegible] as I packed them in Dublin and [illegible] in Wales. — You will need

[illegible] of our interesting ac-
complishments. [illegible]
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your [illegible] I should be most [illegible]
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Yours very sincerely
Maria L. [illegible]

P.S. Your postal card came early in the month and [illegible] it received the minute to [illegible], and it started again at the next postman's collection. M. L. [illegible]

Springfield Jan. 9. 1900

Dear Mr. Deane,

At this late date I send my thanks for your pretty card of greeting at Christmas. It has not been "out of sight & out of mind" for it stands up amongst my numerous unanswered letters and memoranda the only pretty thing there, and when I look up it rests me to dwell upon the little blue flowers for a minute. My cousin wishes to join her thanks with mine for your remembrance of her.

I wrote Mr. Floyd a long letter a few days ago, and asked him to send it to you when convenient. When Mrs. Helen Hunt Jackson was abroad, she wrote "encyclicals" to her friends — why should not I? In fact I did all summer. I want to correct a glaring error in this letter to Mr. F. I said that Milton's "Comus", which he wrote in Ludlow Castle, was acted at once by the children of Sir Henry Sidney who was living

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us that she wished Anne Hathaway had never been born, — yes, — and she should wish so just the same, if she had all the money that the visitors paid. Now was it that worth going out to hear?

But I haven't mentioned yet why I wanted to write to you about Stratford. Could you think it possible, conceivable even, that it had been reserved for me to set forth anything new about the epitaph — "Good friend" &c.? No, it is not possible, still I never heard, and never saw in print, what came into my mind from something that I learned on the spot. It must have occurred to many, but their observations never reached me.

In Shakspeare's time there was, close to the church, a "bone-house", a place into which human bones from the church yard were thrown from time to time to make room for new burials. There they lay, visible at all times, these ghastly objects, — and if the thought even is horrible to us, what must the sight have been to the sensitive, imaginative one that Shakspeare undoubtedly was? It is easy to fancy the shuddering aversion with which he passed the dreadful place when he must, — we may be sure he kept away there than as Governor of Wales. This was a piece of guide-book information or else we had it from the custodian of the fine old ruin, I suppose, — but whenever I picked it up, a moment's reflection would have shown the impossibility of the statement, for I am not quite an ignoramus in history. Sir Philip Sidney of the time of Queen Elizabeth who died at the early age of 32 could not have been acting in a "masque" in the time of Charles I. It was while the Earl of Bridgewater who held Ludlow Castle in Milton's early years, ~~time~~ and it was his children who took the parts in the play.

I went over from Hereford to Stratford-on-Avon. Now I seem to hear you saying "Just as if I wanted to hear that tiresome old story again for the ninety-ninth time." Have patience. When I was in Leamington eight years ago, I wouldn't go to Stratford although it is very near; I heeded Richard Grant White's advice; but when in Hereford, much farther off, I resolved to go. Mr. White was a great Shakespeare scholar, I reasoned, — I, only a little one — I hadn't ideas and preconceptions enough to cause me serious damage even if they did get overturned. I must think my daughter longed for the trip but she made no objection. Then came much you know — town crowded with Americans, — house the house, crowded — all going through one room to another to see the procession; then I came out & enough had been told, from nothing I had learned before, whether little William was born in the garret or the cellar — whether he was born at all. Ah Richard, you were so right for me, as for yourself —

"I had a vision of my own,
Ah, why should I undo it?"

Yet there are good things in Stratford, and if the day hadn't been one of American heat, I should have had a good time after all, — had it, if I had been wise enough to keep away from "the house". For instance. The drive over to Shottery, — too hot to take the pleasure then but on foot. Same procession of sightseers, listening to the explanations which the pleasant lady who has charge of the place was repeating for the ten-thousandth time. She told me a

You told me of the Ornithological Club amongst those that you belong to; is Mr. Geo. H. Mackay a member? I know him very well and know his great interest in birds-

-M.L.D.-

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when he died; and we may be sure that the feelings of the child never wore off, and that the thought of what might be done with his own bones drew from him the imploring cry of his epitaph. Now, to come to the practical conclusion of the matter, I believe that the grave might be reverently opened, the contents inspected and recorded for all future time, and then all restored & left in its present ~~Sealed~~ condition, with no danger of calling down the curse upon those who did the deed. Delia M. Bacon said there were documents buried with the man - I was going to say "the poet," but, according to her, he was not the poet - documents that would prove her theory. Her heart failed her when she went with the proper assistants to "move the stones," but I am so strong in this new belief of mine, that I don't think my heart would fail; only I should want a goodly number of helpers & the church brightly lighted and the choir singing anthems all the time. I have an imagination too. But is not this explanation of the epitaph's meaning a plausible one?— more than plausible? And do tell me if the theory is well-known even if it has hitherto escaped me.

Stratford is very interesting, but Mr. White & I took it by the wrong end, so to speak. The way to enjoy it, to get the good of its associations, is to go there for a week,— no less, but even more than that time,— and to go before or after the tourist season. There are places in the town where one could spend hours with pleasure where we stayed only minutes, and there are delightful places in the neighborhood, for short excursions.

We had but about fifteen minutes to mourn over the interior of the Church. This ought to have been kept in perfect repair of course, but exactly as it was when Shakspeare was buried there; now they are putting in stained glass windows and embroideries, and carvings and all sorts of pretty things just as fast as they can get the money for them. I should want an hour to condemn and mourn, and then would leave it forever, shaking the dust from my feet. I should guide them direct where the boy had stood and played, where the man had walked in those [illegible] [illegible] days.

I shall write you no more letters of this length — a pleasing promise perhaps — though for myself I am delighted when my friends send me long epistles, if they only won't demand the same in return, and you are perfectly free to answer as & when you please.

With kind regards to Mrs. Deane as well as yourself

Yours sincerely Maria L. Owen.

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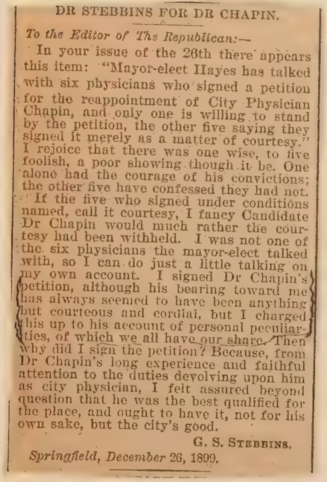
Springfield Feb. 5 - '90

Dear Mr. Deane,

I shall not scold a bit about your showing my letters. "Put everything to its last use" is the rule of the good housekeeper; the 'left-overs' from the table have to re-appear in some appetizing form, and old [illegible] lives through almost as many lives as a cat before it's condemned to the rag-bag, and even then I bethink myself that some old rag-rug-maker could use it, and I save it for her, and my letters come under the same rule, as long as they can please or profit any-body, let them circulate.

And what a return I got! A letter from Dr. Rolfe is a prized favor. I suppose you have received it from my daughter before this and the Folk-lore sheets too; I knew she would enjoy reading both as she went to Stratford with me.

Now I have another Shakspearean topic - the room that I enclose — I suppose you have seen it, ~~at~~ — the morning of that time — and can tell me what "Summarily blowing [illegible] out of" is meant. I wonder that the author did not put it at the head of his verses, for he could not expect anybody to guess it.



DR STEBBINS FOR DR CHAPIN.

To the Editor of The Republican:—

In your issue of the 26th there appears this item: "Mayor-elect Hayes has talked with six physicians who signed a petition for the reappointment of City Physician Chapin, and only one is willing to stand by the petition, the other five saying they signed it merely as a matter of courtesy." I rejoice that there was one wise, to five foolish, a poor showing though it be. One alone had the courage of his convictions; the other five have confessed they had not. If the five who signed under conditions named, call it courtesy, I fancy Candidate Dr Chapin would much rather the courtesy had been withheld. I was not one of the six physicians the mayor-elect talked with, so I can do just a little talking on my own account. I signed Dr Chapin's petition, although his bearing toward me has always seemed to have been anything but courteous and cordial, but I charged this up to his account of personal peculiarities, of which we all have our share. Then why did I sign the petition? Because, from Dr Chapin's long experience and faithful attention to the duties devolving upon him as city physician, I felt assured beyond question that he was the best qualified for the place, and ought to have it, not for his own sake, but the city's good.

G. S. STEBBINS.

Springfield, December 26, 1899.

I think you will find some interest in this cutting from the Republican, — it will be amusing to, for I have no doubt you perceived some of the "personal peculiarities" even in the short time that you spent with him here. He's very queer. I suppose he is the best city physician we ever had, and I hope he may keep that position, for he can't keep his place as family physician in many homes, — people won't stand such manners as he has.

might still be made by botanists who could spend a week on the island late in the autumn; and I think the list of sedges is by no means complete — Any one who could go in June might find some that had escaped Judge Churchill who has I suppose collected as many as anybody — more than anybody else of that order.

I am always glad to hear from you but I shan't care if you delay your reply to this till you have had another meeting of the Club and can tell me if I can get any help there.

I was glad to learn by your last letter that you and Mrs. Deane were both well. With kind regards to both

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

He is a good botanist, a quick and close observer, and would, I think, enjoy advanced work and original research if he had time for it. I like him very well as far as I have anything to do with him — and see him three times a year — but disapprove thoroughly of many of his ways that I hear about.

I am going to take time now to make out a list of the plants found in Nantucket since the Catalogue came out. I think there are about fifty — full half of them introduced, but some twenty or more natives — nice finds. I shall need help and I plan to send the list to Mr. Dame for his revision and for additions, — you know he goes to Nantucket almost every summer. I will write to Mr. Collins and ask him for additions to the algae. Mrs. Robinson may have a few names of flowering plants so I shall write to her. You can help me at the Club by mentioning my proposed work and asking for contributions. I think Dr. Fernald may give me some species. I saw somewhere that he had two peculiar forms of *Panicum* from Nantucket. Others may have in their herbariums ~~as~~ such unexpected treasures as Mr. Williams's *Lycopus sessilifolius* and Mr. Jennings' *Hypochaeris*. I should want to add new stations of a few plants — the rarest. Do you think Dr. Robinson would like to have the list for publication in "Rhodora"? Mr. Floyd judged that he would from the Dr.'s remarks to him. If so, you could help me by conferring with him and letting me know his ideas & wishes as to the final form. Now what do you think of that scheme? Suggestions and advice gratefully received. One thing more about the time of publishing. You know Mr. Dame will not be able to do much before the summer vacation, and Mrs. Robinson is a very busy woman; her husband is a teacher and I think she helps him in some way; I don't know but that it is a boarding school that he has — That would give her work enough in addition to the care of her own young children. Considering these things, I knew I could not get replies from all before July or August, and as that is in the midst of the collecting season I had better set the time for closing the list rather later — wait as long as there was hope of anything new coming in. Mr. Dame and I feel satisfied that some nice discoveries pains to get it back. I am not *set* upon it.

I saw in the Republican last week that the white-winged crossbill — a number of them in fact, had been seen in Forest Park, — the first time for several years, — and this morning's paper has this little item.

The graceful sparrow-hawk has been added to the list of birds that have been seen about the library grounds during the past week.

You are looking out for the spring visitants, of course. May you be rewarded by the sight of many!

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield. Feb-20-1900

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am much obliged, _very_ much, for the light upon that poem which you reflect upon me from Dr. Rolfe. Now that I know, I wonder that I did not think myself that "_The_" Sh. phrase was a different thing from "_A_" Sh.-phrase, for I am rather a close observer of language,— so is the lady who gave me the poem. I made no _Copy_ of it before sending it to you, and I should like to have it returned,— though, perhaps, you have given it away to Dr. Rolfe or somebody else. If so, don't take any

Springfield, Mar. 14. 1900

Dear Mr. Deane,

Thank you for the Hypochoeris notes; I will keep them safe, and if you ever want them back for the Club, will copy & return them. What a good find for Mr. Manning! I know the very spot and if I go to Nantucket this coming summer as I hope to do, I shall look up the plant without fail.

I have no specimens of any of the lately revised genera — I never collected anything but those things rare in New England, — I put them into our Society herbarium. I shall try a little later to induce some of the Nantucket ladies to go out and look for Antennarias. If Mr. Dame spends his vacation there, he will be, as he was before, an invaluable helper. He has for some years been studying the Willow herbs (Epilobium) and has found well marked varieties if not new species.

and studies that would be of value.

And Eleocharis diandra we may find here; I am going to put Dr. Chapin up to seeking it. We both know where Hemicarpha subsquarrosa grows, and it is exactly the place for that Eleocharis to appear in.

— Judge Churchill's article on his Drosera was interesting. "Rhodora" always has something nice in it.

Yours with kind regards

Maria L. Owen.

I hope some of your club members will spend some of their summer holiday in Nantucket. What better collecting ground near at hand could they possibly find? And the island is generous — she has still new gifts for all who will seek them.

I hope you have received Dr. Rolfe's letter from my daughter by this time. I wrote to her about it. She is very careful & reliable about such things, but she had an attack of the grip which lasted for a week, and took the life & strength right out of her. She said she did nothing beyond what she was absolutely forced to do. But she is well now, and I guess you will see the letter again. You asked if we couldn't get the number of the Courant in which it (the poem) appeared, and perhaps the author's name "Upon that hint I spake". I wrote to the editor — and it was, I assure you, a polite complimentary winning letter. I told him I wouldn't ask any favor for myself — that is, I wouldn't encroach on his time for myself, only a little Shakespeare scholar, but that it would oblige Dr. Rolfe, a great Shakespeare scholar, if he would let me know when the poem appeared. Then I repeated Dr. Rolfe's praise of it. That must have been a fortnight ago — my diary says Mar. 2 — and no reply! I call it ungentlemanly not to speak when you are spoken to civilly. I put a stamped envelope directed to myself into the letter — did my part thoroughly — and he might have said as much as "I don't know".

I found suggestive things in the March "Rhodora". Who knows but that Bartonia iodandra may be found in our peat moss! And Solidago asperula, too. not in peat moss, however. Oh that I were a score of years younger! Or if I could go back to my old home for one whole year, and so "take things easy" I could, even now, make some observations

Sb'd Mar. 22. 1900

Dear Mr. Deane,

Is Dr. Swan living? I wrote him a letter asking for his help towards the supplement, particularly in the grasses, and then, thinking that he might have moved from his old home in Worcester St. looked in the Directory for his address, — and his name was not there at all. What can you tell me of him?

M. L. O.

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Mrs. Maria L. Owen,
383 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

Dear Madam:-

I find your letter on my desk which apparently ought to have been answered before and which must have been overlooked by mistake. I am utterly unable to trace the poem which you ask about. We do not keep an index of the paper.

Yours very truly,

C H Clark

Editor The Courant.

This will show that I did what I could to learn the name of the author of "The Shakespearean Phrase". My letter that got overlooked was written March 2 - M-L-O-

M[illegible]

to look for Ranunculus acris var. Steveni. It may be as common here as in Northampton where Mrs. Terry finds it. She told me about a month ago that she was studying the different forms of the Shadbush.

Mr. Batchelder & his wife have gone to Europe for the summer. They will see more flowers & birds than I ever did abroad for I always kept to the British Isles, and they will begin in Italy go to Switzerland then to Paris, and so will see a flora & fauna quite different from ours. They will have a good time, but there is plenty of it on this side of the ocean and I wish you and your wife a good share of it.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen

Springfield June 4 - 1900

Dear Mr. Deane,

I suppose you will be starting for the country soon, so although I owe you a letter I will write a few on [illegible] time, and send you an article on *Arbutus* that I wrote a while ago. I don't know whether you ever saw the articles that I wrote years ago on this matter. In them I brought out more proof, and *because* I brought it out then I couldn't produce it now. Two items that I gloried in were these; one that Dr. Gray in his Manual put an accent on the first syllable of the word *used as the common name* of the

Epigaea long before the time at which I was writing, and that he had done it of set purpose, as ~~there~~ it was the only place in the whole book where he had indicated the accent of a popular name. Somebody ~~and~~ told me afterward of one more, but I did not know it at the time. The other was that Dr. Goodale had done the same on the label of the glass Epigaea in the Blaschka Collection. Both of these gentlemen knew the right *way* of pronouncing the word and both knew the prevalence of the woful error. But the right way is gaining; in the May number of the Atlantic there is a long poem — "In Time of Indecision" is the name I think, — which contains this word with the right accent, and yet about a dozen years ago, my friend Mrs. Emily Shaw Forman, offered that magazine a poem which the editor *praised* except for the word arbutus which he told her was not thus accented. She offered to alter the line and substitute *Mayflower* for the offending word, assuring him at the same time that she was not wrong in her accent.

I will wrap with the Inquirer something else that I wrote a few weeks ago; I send it with my compliments to Mrs. Deane, for the subject is one that is more likely to interest a lady than a gentleman.

I hope Miss *Day* went to Nantucket last week as she was planning to do; at this season she will have a pretty good chance to find new things, and I am hoping she will have as good success as she did on Mt. Equinox in 1898. What a list she brought from there!

Here in Springfield we are going

I [illegible] to collect [illegible] [illegible], but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The R. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] of climbing [illegible], but this was not the right kind. Then the land within was overgrown with a mass of vegetation up to a man's knees in some places, and besides, there are two R.g. Chase places and it might have been the other - I told Mrs. Robinson about it however, and she promised to do what she could, though with her young children to look after she does not go out collecting as she used to. When I am on the island I am amongst old friends who pay me all sorts of kind attentions. In the fourteen days that I was there I was taken out to drive six or seven times, I was invited to picnics & lunches, and received and returned many calls. I stayed with Mrs. Starbuck whom you will remember; her house is always my home when I am on the island, and she took me out to her 'Sconset house where we spent three days & nights. Not much time left for poking round the pond. I wonder if you have Almanac Pond distinctly in your mind. That was all dried up so that you could walk over the bottom anywhere - not pleasant walking however, it was so cracked.

How fortunate you were to have a fresh-

[illegible] Sept. [illegible]

Dear [illegible] [illegible],

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] is a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to bring to it [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] in [illegible] neighborhood - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is adding to the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] What a botanic garden this may grow into! Certainly it is a [illegible] [illegible] to have these perplexing [illegible] named by competent authority. I had three named by Mr. Fernald last Tuesday in the short call that I made at the Herbarium, and now I send you what I suppose is S. Canadensis, the type, or near enough to it not to be either of the named varieties. I will enclose one of the lower [illegible]. [illegible] will you tell me if "procera" which is the way it stands in the Manual ed. 6 is accented right. The question lies between the Manual & my [illegible] [illegible] — the letter says "[illegible]" — [illegible] the botanist [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to me that I [illegible] taken [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. —

When I was in Nantucket I [illegible] an [illegible] of your description, but [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], R— [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] plant [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] growing in [illegible] pasture, and also in cultivated ground where it [illegible] [illegible] in size that I wondered at first if it could be another species — but it was not. I suppose you have it already, but if not I can give you good specimens. I found Tillaea again in Nantucket at the same place, but this time it was growing in the water all intermixed with Elatine + [illegible] — a perfect tangle. I [illegible] a little, but sent the most of it [illegible] to Mr. Floyd + Mr. Williams who [illegible] [illegible] pleased with it. I was surprised to find at the Herbarium that the plant so far was known in New England only in Nantucket + New Haven, but I still think that it is less rare than it seems, — people will find it when

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] of the edge of the mo[illegible] its [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] among the other [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all that collect in such places. The [illegible] it grows in the mud as I found it in [illegible] but not this year it makes a dense, bright green sod, looking so exactly like Myriophyllum ambiguum, var. limosum, [illegible] that I fear, alas! that I have passed it many a time in my native isle without a second look. I wonder if Mrs. [illegible] gives me any credit for her discovery. Her letter which accompanies the specimens would show; it lies there on the mounting sheet, and I meant [illegible] to [illegible] and see what she said. Not much jealousy in my disposition — I have not a bit — if there were, I should certainly have [illegible] in that communication, but after I got home Curiosity woke up in me. Mrs. R— in telling me of her delightful find, says that she should not have made it out if I had not put her on the track. When you are at the Herbarium some time won't you look + see what she wrote — if she does not mention my name I shall care very little, but I have always given her the [illegible] credit, hardly mentioning my own part in the matter

[illegible] I [illegible] the [illegible]
& [illegible] [illegible], — I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Arenaria Groenlandica.

This [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] collections as far as the [illegible] have been determined. The [illegible] [illegible] with them, but I [illegible] one out — [illegible] out that one might have found anywhere along the coast — not a single one of very distinguishing flora. Arenaria peploides was the most uncommon of all, and we can't think much of that. I see that the best time for a botanist is when they generally go — in July & August. Amongst the common plants there was one not reported before — Erigeron bellidifolius — Robin's Plantain. This has come in with the summer visitors doubtless; if it were a true native of the island it would'nt have waited till this time to show itself.

Mr. & Mrs. Batchelder had a thoroughly delightful time, — came home well & happy perhaps six weeks ago.

I wish I knew whether Berkeley's Cryptogamic Botany is still a reliable guide for a beginner in this branch of the science.

of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Ferns
does one exist [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]?
How many [illegible] has that [illegible]?

But I trust that you can supply my wants and answer my questions with little trouble if you only think of them at the right time. Mr. John Lewis Russell gave me my copy, published in 1857, left it to me by will together with his "best microscope" and all of his books that I chose to take, and he had told me before of this book that it was "a treasury of modern science and just what a tyro wants on the subject", but it may be superseded by this time.

I hope you and Mrs. Deane had a pleasant summer and returned from the country well rested and refreshed.

With regards to both

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen

P.S. Of course I can hunt up Asters & Goldenrods in the Manual and put on names good enough for all ordinary purposes — nine tenths of them absolutely reliable, but that is not enough for a botanic garden; that must be [illegible] beyond appeal, so I mean to have these plants well named for— M. L. O.

Springfield Oct. 16. 1900

Dear Mr. Deane,

I must set you right about our Science Museum; You never saw it for it has been built since 1895 and opened for visitors ~~all~~ less than ~~about~~ two years. The Art Museum which you visited was completed in the spring of '95 and Mr. Smith put into it enough of his art treasures to make a pleasing exhibit for our guests, but now every room is filled, almost crowded, and we need the addition that was planned for at the beginning; it will be put on (and will be the main building really) as soon as there is money enough. The large hall on the first floor was used for a Nat. History Museum X but that collection outgrew its quarters, so generous friend gave the money for a new building, and the hall in the Art Museum was then altered to adapt it to its new use as a hall of sculpture.

X but I guess there was nothing in it when you were here.

+ the old time rules.

I wonder that you haven't a plenty of R. acris Steveni when it is so common in many places. I wish I had pressed some when I was in Maine. I will send some Bartsia of different sizes and with the best fruit that I could find, but I noticed that the pods did not seem well filled out in any specimens. The difference between the plant in ploughed land and in the pastures was so great that I wondered at first if there were not two species, but I could detect no variation in the characters – the difference was only in size. Those great bushes growing amongst the beans + squashes + potatoes, and the little things in the pastures blooming on plants less than two inches high, formed a curious contrast.

Alvah A. Eaton is a close observer, but I never knew that he had found Tillaea — a proof of my that is very attractive, for it is arranged in the modern way and her cases [illegible] best and it will look nice, as those they have been on exhibition a half-century or so cannot be - I will send you the last report of the City Lib. Ass'n. You will not read it through, but if you will look at the plates and the passages I have marked you will understand just how things are -

Mr. Stebbins depends on me for the names of his asters and goldenrods, and I am determined that they shall be authoritative (they must be, to be of any use) so where I am not positive, I hope I may send more specimens for your decision, but that will be another year - I am much obliged for the names you have already given me -

I am very critical in all the matter of language, spoken or written, (but not unkindly so, I am sure,) and that all the [illegible]-names in the Manual that I questioned marked so far as my eye fell upon them - E.g. "Pícris" in ed. 6, "àcris" is thus marked rightly, for there is a rule in the Latin Grammar that I studied when a pretty small child to the effect that a mute + a liquid following an accented vowel must be divided, except when the accent is on the penult in which case the two consonants go together - then if à-cris why not pì-cris? And again supposing "procera" had a short e in the penult it would throw the accent in speaking back upon the antepenult, and the o would take the c to itself and it would be ~~pr~~ pró'cera! But they may have changed the rules in these latter days, although I never suspected it, because the great - the overwhelming majority of the words in the Manual conform supposition that it is more common (or let me say less rare) than generally supposed.

About "Berkeley's Cryptogamic Botany" I only wanted to know if it was still of enough value for me to give it (i.e. my copy) to the Catharine L. Howard Scientific Library. I am not studying cryptogamia very earnestly; my chief interest in them just now is in the eatable mushrooms, and if I don't know them all myself — all found in this neighborhood — I guess our botanical society does with the united knowledge of its members. We have all the books of reference we need, both English & American including Capt. McIlvaine's late work.

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foot turned back as they did it this redoubled amazement — the next claw, they revealed a mimic Chrysalis three inches long and as thick as my thumb. It might have deceived the very elect till they had dissected it, if the curious thing had been brought to them with no information as to where it was found. I can send you a good account of it in print soon. It is about as rare in this country as *Pogonia pendula* in New England.

With regards to you & Mrs. Deane

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

At the foot of the preceding page
I began on something that it would have taken too much time to carry out so I stopped short, and cut it short.

I met Mr. Webster at a Saturday show last August and can well believe that he is as you say, a charming man; I found him very agreeable in the short conversation I had with him.

I am hoping to see Mr. Batchelder here in Springfield soon. How fortunate he is in finding rarities — I am thinking of Pogonia pendula now. I found Erysimum cheiranthoides in 1881 in a friend's garden — how it came there nobody knew. Aspidium Boottii grows not far from us, but I don't remember the localities — Dr. Chapin & Mr. Stebbins know.

We had some conversation on the trouble that called you home: Miss Deane's father is better I trust. An herbarium of 35000 sheets is something to delight in.

I have read many magazine articles on oriental lands by Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore and always found them interesting. I have no doubt I shall enjoy "China the Long-lived Empire" when I get it.

An Akebia vine not far from this house has borne fruit this year, and the owner of the place never perceived it till about ten days ago when it had reached its full size, but he bestirred himself then and called in his neighbors, and by their advice summoned the entomologists next — and no wonder, for when the valves of the

Notes on the printed report—

p-11- [illegible] on
p. 12 about him and his collection
are within what might be
said. The fact is quite that
he was younger; he began to collect
before he was sixteen, — some
fifty years ago — and has never
stopped, but has been improving all
the time by practice & the
study of the best art here &
abroad, for he has spent years
in Europe. His collection is the
cream of the cream of his
acquisitions, for whenever he
has obtained a better thing in
any line than he already had
he has parted with the old one,
and put the new in its place—

pp- 12, 13, 21, 22, are marked
but need no comment.

p-44- Again I say—no
flattering exaggeration.

pp. 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 60 - need
no comment

The plan of the grounds &
buildings opp. p-19 will

The place of [illegible] [illegible] + [illegible] + [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Plain. The two lawns at the north and south of the art museum are [illegible] the exceptions. The building planned from the beginning. For the wild plants there is only the space between the walk west of the Museum and the boundary fence — I will mark it a b. It is about 0 ft. wide from a to the corner, and from there to b about 20 ft. The heating plant is thoroughly neat and as inconspicuous as possible, but besides that it is screened by tall ornamental annual plants + shrubs, with an outer ~~Screen~~ hedge of that handsome ~~Shiny leav~~ glossy leaved willow, and the whole grounds are kept in exquisite order.

[illegible] McIlvaine's appeared, and all the American works, Capt. Palmer's &c. &c. W. H. Gibson's too, which is helpful as far as it goes, but that is not very far. We have an excellent City library and these books have been at our service for years, so Mr. Webster need not try to recall their names, and he needn't go back more than six months. We made great progress this last season, and our two shows were really beautiful. No hurry about consulting Mr. Webster.

With best wishes for the coming year for yourself & Mrs. Deane.

Your sincere friend,
Maria L. Owen.

[illegible]
Springfield, Dec. 24. [illegible]

Dear Mr. Deane,

Just as I was sitting down to write to you the letter carrier brought me your Christmas greeting — yours and Mrs. Deane's, so I can begin with my thanks and reciprocal good wishes to both.

I have owed you a letter for two months, and it is time I let you know that I am well — even though I haven't much of importance to tell. Some weeks ago I saw in a Vermont paper that Mrs. Wm. C. Horton had found a fern in Brattleboro' new to the local botanists, so it was sent to Cambridge and it proved new to Dr. Robinson & Mr. Davenport, though it was plainly an asplenium. Have you seen or heard of it? I wonder that it has not been reported in "Rhodora." In the December number Prof. Bailey (W. W.) tells of Ficus Carica, L. growing in New England in Providence and Gloucester; I wonder if he never saw the mention of it in the Nantucket Catalogue. I suppose the tree has been growing in Nantucket for twenty-five years or more. I have not had the indispensable helps for the supplement, so I have done nothing about it. I don't care, for I have plenty of other work, and I may be able to look up two or three plants in Nantucket next summer that I know about & wanted to see last August, but the excessive heat prevented. Judge Churchill, Mr. Collins & Dr. Swan would give me their lists at a few days' notice — "on demand" I might say, but Mr. [illegible] who could give me more than [illegible] than anyone else has not written to me for a year or more — he is willing enough but he never gets time. And I [illegible] about the same of Mrs. Robinson; she has quite a number of new names, she says, and if she could get them verified at the botanical department of Columbia they would be valuable. ~~He~~ She can always get help there, but she seldom finds time to go to seek it.

Prof. Setchell of the University of California reports Isoetes Tuckermani, Braun. [illegible] able as a new name, but is it a variety? If so I will try to collect some for my friend, for he told me just where it grew. You offered to find out for me the best "books" on any particular subject so I will get you to ask Mr. Hollis Webster if he can recommend any late American book for mushroom students. We have McIlvaine's which came out this last fall, and everything that we wanted is there. The English works both [illegible] & Scientific [illegible] have seen our best guides

Springfield, Jan. 13. 1901

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have just finished the article which I enclose and had taken this sheet to write about it to Dr. Robinson and offer it for Rhodora, when a new idea made me pause. It occurred to me that the article might not be wanted — that's nothing — but I thought of those fern collectors that I have read of in the papers, who collect every fern they can lay hands on which will bring money in a foreign market, and send them abroad anywhere, & the havoc they make is dire. I have read that they have nearly exterminated *Asplenium ebeneum* in the eastern part of the State, and that all other ferns suitable for this purpose are fast going — and nothing

would interest me to [illegible] [illegible]
in new collecting ground & these
thoughts, so I changed my mind
and am writing to you instead of to
Dr. Pearce — think it over, and then
decide to print or not according to
your judgment. If it is not printed
I would like him [illegible] some
time, for I have no copy of it and
I know some friends who have never
had a chance to visit it. Those who
would be interested in this account of
it. But you needn't return it — only
give it to Dr. Lloyd some time —
I suppose you always meet him
at the club meetings — and he may
keep it and read & lend it, and ~~[illegible]~~
then send it back. But I will write to him
about it myself.

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When I am in Nantucket again I will see that I am to get a good supply of fresh specimens. I wish I had known of it last summer when the [illegible] was so fine.

Mr. Webster wrote to me most kindly about works on Mushrooms, and Mr. Dana, our librarian, is going to get all that he recommended.

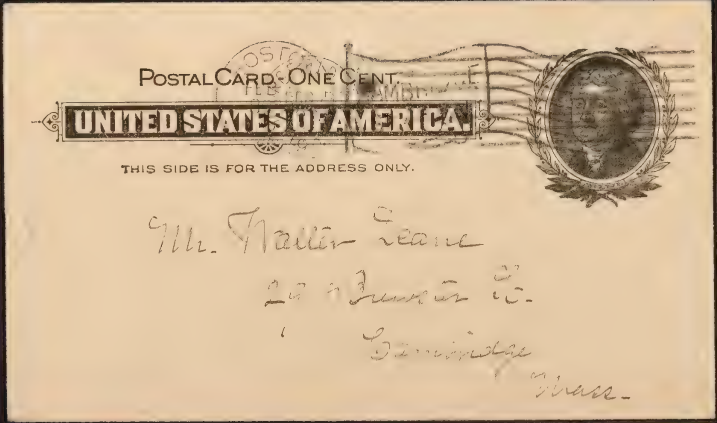
Miss Day sent me, a few days ago, a partial list of the plants she collected in Nantucket last spring (or in the early summer); the rest had not been determined she said, and from that I inferred that these had been determined and could be depended on. I was surprised at the character of her collections – so many common plants and so few of those that are rare on the main land; in fact, I [illegible] that there was not one in her list that I should have found were at that time taken, & some of a similar nature. I find now nearly all the few that I saw then. I was pleased with the additions to the Catalogue this I found in the City. Several Carices, a sedge or two and a grass; besides these *Helianthemum majus* and *Trifolium striatum*, Willd. which I cannot look up in "Britton & Brown" as they are not in Gray, ed. 6. and *Galium Aparine*, L. & *Taraxacum officinale*, R.T.Br. which have hitherto been overlooked, though it may surprise — Every little helps, & I am pleased to get any new name for I like see the record to some credit.

Don't put yourself out about my paper — No hurry.

Yours with kind regard
[illegible] L. [illegible]

Springfield, Feb. 4. Dear Mr. Deane, as I wrote the article is ready for publication, I am glad that you and Dr. Robinson think that it will not be a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & the [illegible] & have it [illegible] in Rhodora. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Ferns of Mt. Toby in the Fern Bulletin, vol. IV no. 1 by [illegible] of Greenfield. I never saw it, and cannot obtain the number as the publishers of the Fern [illegible] have been out of copies of that number. It is only [illegible] [illegible] that the [illegible] [illegible] in treatment [illegible] [illegible] in the same way. [illegible] have my heartiest sympathy about your [illegible]; I devoutly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that you may never have it again. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with Dr. Rose; [illegible] affliction is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],

M. L. D.



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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
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Springfield, Mar. 24, 1901

Dear Mrs. [illegible],

I have enough [illegible] to send along for your young [illegible]; or some I must make a [illegible] re-mark. The Irish envelope of this has stamps on, starting from [illegible] it went to Dublin, and from there was forwarded to me in [illegible]; these [illegible] postmarks are plain but [illegible] the one is in the corner, it is not to distinguishable, — however, I know now it is "Carrick-on-Shannon", and [illegible] it easily [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible], [illegible] it is. [illegible] envelopes ~~for~~ [illegible] enclosed [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] I had [illegible] for nineteen years. You will see the stamp "Left [illegible]; no address". Poor fellow! he had gone to "that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveller returns," Sped on

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the season is a little earlier with you. The [illegible] this morning [illegible] in our [illegible] for we have [illegible] — [illegible] minded added to what we have done. Robins have been [illegible] for more than a week, but I have seen them for two days only, and how pretty they do look when they [illegible] back. We have seen [illegible] in this neighborhood [illegible], commoner than [illegible] — but I am never tired of watching them; I can't [illegible] at one time in the largest [illegible], but that was exceptional, from being the [illegible] limit of their [illegible] companies.

I hope you & Mrs. Deane are well [illegible] we are in this house, and with kind regards to both, I am

Yours sincerely

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] cancelled [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible]."

The [illegible] of [illegible] the Dictionary is the "Continental" [illegible] (Volume 2, 1–2), 775, [illegible] my sympathy on that [illegible]! [illegible] was [illegible] at that time in Philadelphia, and some years later when I was old enough to go to school, I used to see [illegible] scores of ~~them~~ Friends every Thursday, — I going home from the morning session, and they returning from Fifth-day meeting. So the stamp bore for the date only

"No. the number of the [illegible]" [illegible], in the [illegible]" [illegible] — [illegible] is [illegible], [illegible], and [illegible] it [illegible] on your [illegible] may [illegible] a [illegible] it to [illegible] that [illegible], it could be made available by taking a piece of the same paper & pasting it under the stamp, and then with [illegible] into [illegible] out the [illegible] and finishing the letters.

After this I will keep the more uncommon [illegible] that come to me, but most of them [illegible] from New York, Boston or [illegible] [illegible] can be [illegible] by those who care for them.

I am glad to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Springfield, May 3-1901

Dear Mr. Deane,

Victor Gehring is a well brought up boy, - habituated to the little courtesies of life from childhood, so that they will never come hard to him in later years. I think you will like to have his nice letter back -

Mr Andrews of Southington Ct. has written to our botanical Society about a Scirpus (S. pedicellatus) which he says grows near the western end of our old toll-bridge over the Connecticut. He wants us to look for it in July, - says that he never saw it anywhere else, and that he has collected it there, but too late in the season. I don't find such a Scirpus in Gray's Manual or in "Br. & Brown" - Is it a synonym or something renamed by the Rochester School? - Now I did find in "Br. & Br.-

Carex pedicellata = Carex varia of Dewey not of Muhl. and the same as C. Emmonsii, var. [illegible] of Bailey. (I hope I have this right, but I haven't the book at hand; it is near enough for you to know what I mean, however.) Could he in a momentary absence of mind have written Scirpus for Carex? I have quoted it on the other side just as it appeared in the letter — first the genus at full length, then specified in the usual way — genus indicated by initial only. In our Hbm. we have Carex varia said to be of Muhl., but no Scirpus pedicellatus — of course not. We want to get familiar with the looks of the plant before we go out to search for it. Some time before us, but it is well to begin in good season —

Yours sincerely

Maria L. Owen —

[illegible], May 2 '01

Dear Mr. [illegible],

[illegible] is [illegible] a [illegible],
I found it in about two minutes in [illegible],
Jan. 1900. No wonder I didn't recollect
the article, as I never read it, not being
a special student of that genre, but I
shall read it now attentively. Much obliged
for putting me on the track.

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

383 Union St.
Springfield Sept. 29. 1901.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have a number of things for you that have collected in the course of the summer which I mean to send along when I think you are settled again in your Cambridge home.

1. Some monograms & similar devices for your young collecting friend and 2. Some post marks for that other collector. I would send to him directly if I knew his address and if he still wishes for these things. I should think this taste might be a short-lived one, and might disapoint-

Tradescantia in flower & hairy filaments; in habit — blooming early in the morning and melting & curling in before long, but more like a Commelyna in leaves. Also one of the petals seems smaller — slightly so — than the other two which is like a Commelyna. Pod 3-celled, 3 seeds in each cell. It was found in a neglected yard amongst weeds & goldenrod of its own height, from three to four feet. Stalk swollen at the joints. Inflorence unlike T. or C., for it is like that of the Borage family — the racemes coiled and straightening as the flowers bloom. The plant is not to be found in Chapman's or Coulter's Flora (I don't find the California Manual in our library) and it is not in any list of ballast plants that I have. It is an insignificant thing — worthless as far as I can see — but one does not like to be baffled in her search.

I went out very little during the excessive heat of the past summer and I think nothing of much importance and be succeeded by something that would strike deeper. I can furnish a few specimens occasionally but I feel quite ignorant about what is wanted. If you would put my three queries into the 'package' when you send it along and tell the young lad to reply to me directly if he thinks it worth while, you need not have any farther care - "Push that button, and I will do the rest."

But would this plan be agreeable to the boy? If you think it wouldn't, keep back my questions, and I will send through you in the future as in the past!

3. Some pressed Bot. matricariaefolium of different forms & sizes. I don't suppose you want them for your own herb- but you can give them away. In Rhodora of last June R. M. Harper tells of this fern found in Southbridge in this state and adds that this seems to be the southernmost station for it as it has not been reported from R. Island or Connecticut. Then Dr. Chapin went to a spot well known to him where this Botrychium is abundant and brought me these specimens and nearly a dozen more which I sent to Mr. Floyd; I gave him the very largest and some of smaller size. I think our station is likely to be as far south as that Southbridge place, and if not, couldn't be more than a mile farther north; Dr. Chapin remarked very sensibly that a fern growing in such luxuriance and abundance was not likely to have reached its limit.

4. I send a plant for a name. Like a

was brought into our botanical Society, yet as Nature is inexhaustible and delightful there was always something that we were pleased to see and know about. What did you find that you never saw before? And did you go to Capper as usual?

I went to Vermont for a week in August, and now am going to Nantucket.

Rhodora always has something interesting in it, and it is usually accurately printed, but a sad error appeared in Mr. Davenport's article in the September number — "not mechanically identical as if made by dyes"; it is evidently his own mistake, but passed over by the proof reader of the magazine. Dyes may make things superficially identical, but it takes dies to make them mechanically so-

Now I must mention two things that ought to have gone in before.

5. A little bit of an Artemisia that I suppose is A. biennis. Dr. Chapin found it on a dumping ground in the City - the first time it has ever been reported here, though as long ago as the publication of ed. 5 the plant was said to be travelling east rapidly. Rather a handsome weed - this specimen over three feet high-

6. The other specimen is a piece of a raspberry bush with the leaves curiously cut - This was sent from Brandon, Vermont - These things are of slight value, but I don't want to throw them away without showing them to somebody-

7. My photograph that you asked me for two or three years ago, but I had none. Perhaps I told you that I had some taken about thirty years ago, which although finished and paid for I threw into the fire and stayed by till I was sure they were all consumed — But last spring, no, a year ago last spring, the retiring President of the Women's Club came and asked for my photograph; I told her the same story and I was very unwilling to sit again, but I couldn't say that the request was unreasonable; I was the first President and elected for ten successive years and I could put myself in the place of the Club members and see that I should like a to keep in mind

and pass down the features of one who had been so closely associated with our early days. I was told too what dress to wear; the ladies approved of something that I had appeared in at a club dinner with which we closed the season and they wanted me to wear it without any change. I had a very trying time, — I certainly am not a good sitter, but the photographer was a good artist and would not give me up till he had made the most he could out of me. You wanted the picture for a collection you were forming of portraits of botanists, so here it is for that goodly company, though I feel unworthy of such a high honor.

I am finishing my letter many days after I began it — I laid it aside for other things because I thought you would not be at home before October, and even then would be too busy at first to pay attention to my miscellaneous budget.

Hoping that you and Mrs. Deane feel quite refreshed by your summer outing, I am

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

[illegible] Dec. 23. 1901.

Dear Mr. Deane. I send by the same mail two Chenopodiums which were [illegible] [illegible] in the Catalogue, although I added two some years ago when I was here in November. I haven't brought my dissecting microscope and don't find the time [illegible] I cannot [illegible] to study [illegible] [illegible], so can do nothing [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] how to [illegible] it. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] too high, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] —

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
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Springfield Nov. 11 - 90.

Dear Mr. Deane

Victor Gehring has written me a nice letter which I shall answer in time; you need not fear that I shall give myself too much trouble for him, but I can easily send him my slow collections two or three times a year. He is farther advanced in his studies than I had supposed, for he is reading the Anabasis.

It is a pleasing habit in plants to stray out of their natural limits, though it is only our ignorance and presumption that assigns limits and then calls them "natural". (Now how easy it would be to draw my pen through two "s's" above! but I shall not do it. I wrote "assigns" and "Calls" without thought or misgiving and *therefore* right. You do not know it, but I am critical to the last degree about the use of our magnificent mother tongue which uneducated newspaper writers drag to the dust every day - more critical of myself than of any one else. I shall not alter what is right.

"The tumult and the shouting dies" What a time the half-educated made over that! It is perfectly correct ~~and~~ although its defenders, as far as I saw their arguments, (overlooked the true reason for using "dies".) Now let us proceed -

That Pinus Banksiana was a most interesting growth - I wish I could see it. I don't know whether our Plantago aristata will persist;

in Long Hill where it grew so many years; it is such an old story now that nobody thinks to report it.

I send you some labels as desired; I wrote to the lady who gave me the Rubus for one, but she is an entomologist and instead of a label in due form gave me the particulars which I will enclose and from which you can make the label yourself.

You said you were going to write again soon; I will remind you that I want to know whether the Chenopodium (or two of them) was new to the Catalogue? Besides those in print, I have now in in list C. murale, L. and C. ambrosioides, L. both of which I collected myself Nov. 12 + Nov. 13. 1892. I think one of the two sent this time (if there were two) was ambrosioides, but I judge only from the scent for I made no examination.

Now you can reply to this in the letter you were going to write soon, and I hope you can gratify the curiosity of a number of people here by telling us the name of that Commelyna-like endogen.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Dec-23-1901.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am glad to have the name of that plant, although it hasn't a good point that I know of except (to botanists) its novelty. Its minute flowers may be pretty — indeed what flower is there without some beauty of its own? — but they open so early in the day and wilt so soon that I never saw a fresh one.

The December Rhodora has come today. I must look up *Acalypha Virginica*, var. *gracilens* next summer. I have known it since 1872 in our streets & yard; at any rate this is the note that I made about it: "Springfield. Aug. 1872. Agrees in every respect except that the sterile spike is not as long as in the description". At that time I don't think botanists were so eager to note an extension of locality and a good many other things as they are now, so I never thought to report it, but I remember how carefully I studied it, noticing that it was a southern variety. With a repetition of the good wishes that *my* little card will carry

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen -

P.S. I was glad to see that we could put *Leontodon autumnalis*, var. *pratensis* into the Nantucket list. Mr. Floyd wants to go to the island again - perhaps will get there next summer - and I am hoping much from his zeal as a collector! M. L. O.

But this Jocassee Station! The "Little Coltsfoot" is secure there for many a year — its quantity, its distance from railroads, and the difficulty of reaching it make its existence very sure. Oh, the prophets and kings that died without the sight! Dr. Gray, dear Mr. Redfield, though Dr. Gray is equally entitled to my adjective, Dr. Curtis, and so many more. It appears now that those sharp-eyed botanists who sought Shortia for so many years, never suspected that Michaux's locality was an exceptional one, — that the plant's true home was in the damp or marshy lowlands. They did indeed find a few plants at last

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Springfield

May 7-1902.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have permission from the writer of the enclosed letter — an encyclical, as you will see by the last page, — to lend it to you. She came and stayed a day with me last week and told me much about her southern trip and then lent me the letter for me to read to our botanical Society; I thought you would be interested in it, so got the permission above-mentioned. When you have done with it please return it to

Miss H. E. Freeman
37 Union Park
Boston.

Do you know what "Miami Mist" is? The sender said she had not been able to make out its botanical name. M.L.O.

When you have returned Miss F.'s letter if you will write and tell me so, it will relieve my mind of all responsibility. M.L.O.

This lady is an excellent botanist, and of course easily makes acquaintance with all of our gentle Science wherever she finds them. She went to Biltmore, and there met Mr. Beadle, if I caught the name right. Mr. Vanderbilt has bought Dr. Chapman's herbarium and this gentleman went to Florida to transact the business with the distinguished botanist; he said he never spent three more delightful days in his life, for the Dr. in spite of his eighty-five years was most entertaining and instructive. I thought she said 85, but I have just looked up the notice of him in my Encyclopaedia, and it says he was born Sept. 1809. He is nearly 93 now, if living, but Mr. Beadle may have gone years ago. Then he told her that they were working at the South on the Trilliums, - that they find a surprising number of new species, varieties and forms; he compared the discoveries to those of new forms of Crataegus at the North. You live in the very centre of botanical news, and perhaps know all of this already, but 'ο γεγραφα, γεγραφα,' which is "ladies' Greek, without accents," as they say Mrs. Browning's was.

the 19th; I am going to visit my son & daughter, and my little four months old grand-daughter, in New York; when I come back I am going to get ready to close my house July 1. When the four inmates will scatter. I am going to Christmas Cove for eight weeks, with my sister, Mrs. Tallant, a friend who has a room here will turn to Philadelphia my excellent girl to her Prince Edward Island home, and Miss Coffin to Nantucket, where Mrs. Tallant and I mean to finish our summer outing in a two weeks stay. I hope you & Mrs. Deane are well and have equally pleasant plans. With kind regards to both

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen

"in montibus", and I am glad it was in Dr. Gray's lifetime, and that he could go and see them, — flowerless as they were, in June. The time of year when one must go to see the "blooms" is another safeguard for the pretty thing. I know you will ask if Miss Freeman did not collect specimens of which she could spare you one; I don't believe she did, but I refer you to her for that and anything else you want to know. She has heard me speak of you so often that you are no stranger to her.

But how did she hear of this Jocassee station? How long has it been known? I wish I had asked her, but the much other talk which we had crowded it out of my mind-

She had n't been gone three days when a patch of yellow Trilliums was found over in the West Springfield woods- T. erectum var. album of course, but the Manual says "rarely yellowish"- These were of a good bright color, not a true yellow, but a pretty bright buff- The purple ones were growing with them, all mixed up; my informant who took up a root or two for his wild garden, said that in one case he thought the two colors were growing from one root, but a careful untangling of the fibres showed that it was not so- And I have no pressed specimen of that and could n't get one, & nor a fresh one either,- but I saw the flowers, and they were beauties-

A friend now in Nashville, Tennessee, sent me some early flowers a month or more ago- You shall have the bright Cheerful Lesquerella; it is very common there - grows all over her yard with the purple henbit," Lamium..

I shall not be at home much this summer. Monday

Springfield June 3-1902-

Dear Mr. Deane,

Will you be kind enough to complete the address of the enclosed and then mail it? I have left the letter unsealed for you to read first if you choose. Perhaps you have not heard of the great affliction that has come upon me; my cousin Mr. Matheny can tell you when you see him again. Your sincere and sorrowing friend Maria L. Owen-

Christmas Cove, Me.
July 10-1902

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send my thanks for the sympathy expressed in your letter. It is a severe blow that I have received, and life can never again be what it was before such brightness was taken from it, yet I have much to be thankful for. First, that I had my dear son for thirty eight years, and from his very babyhood, he was the light of our home, as he was of every house that he made his home. And farther, that he had lived an unspotted life, and made himself ~~an~~

honorable name in his profession. I was with him in his last days which is of unspeakable comfort to me, and the dear little baby who already shows the sunny, sweet disposition of her father, seems to continue his existence, — he is not quite gone. I look forward to meeting him again, but for all that the grave has its victory now, and death its sting.-

I am in this quiet place with my sister-in-law, Mrs. Tallant, for the summer, and when I go home I shall take up my usual work, outwardly the same as ever. I can be resigned, I even see, though dimly now, that God knew best, but I cannot yet triumph over my grief.

I have often thought that if there is an enviable possession in this world, it is a large and happy family of brothers and sisters; I hope your circle may long be unbroken.

With my regards and thanks to Mrs. Deane as well as to yourself,

Your grateful and sorrowing friend

Maria L. Owen.

Herbarium I suppose they can turn to their aroids, and speedily answer my question about the synonyms.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Deane,

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

P.S. I think one of the specimens is plainly A. *Virginica*.

M. L. O.

Springfield, Nov. 10. 902.

Dear Mr. Deane,

At the date of your last letter Sept. 7. you had nearly finished the work on the book that was going through the press, and expected to go away for a well-earned vacation. I hope you had a pleasant time. I was away from home ten weeks,—spent eight in Maine, and saw growing and in flower and fruit the Yellow Rattle, *Rhinanthus* *Crista-galli*, a pretty little thing; nothing else new. Then I went to Nantucket, where I met Mr. Dame and Mr. Floyd, and had good talks with both, but you have probably seen them yourself at the meetings of the Society, and heard their botanical news. —if any.

In a previous letter you asked me to collect Acalypha gracilens for you. Now I desire to remark that I never said it grew here, but that there was this marginal note in my Manual against A. gracilens as it was then named; later it was called var. gracilens, and what it is now, I don't know. But the note - "Agrees in every respect except that the sterile spike is not as long as in the description". I did not see much of the plant after I came back, but I collected and pressed a few specimens that looked a little different from A. Virginica. Probably they are only some of the many forms of that species, but I should like to know what you call them.

I have an interesting Aroid that I wish I knew the name of. The person who gave me the bulb did not know the name, and I have had to search for it myself. While I have good reason for thinking it Amorphophallus Rivieri, it may perhaps be Godwinia gigas found by Seeman in Nicaragua. But again, it may be Dr. Beccari's plant of western Sumatra which he proposed to name Conophallus Titanum. If this name and Amorphophallus above should prove to be synonyms, I should feel pretty certain ~~that~~ of my plant and the only way you can help me is by inquiring about it at the Botanic Garden, some day when you are in.

My plant has not bloomed; the bulb is still too young and small, but my friend's has, and I have seen — not the flower, but a photograph of it.

Take no special pains; I am in no hurry, only if you will remember me when you are at the

Springfield, Dec-24. 1902

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have a nice little Calendar from you as a Christmas greeting. It is just right for the writing table, and I shall have Sir Joshua's cunning little girl before my eyes. I am acquainted with the young lady, but cannot think of her name at this moment.

I send you and Mrs. Deane some Christmas Cards intended for postal cards, — very faithful I think to scenes in Holland. I mean they are really postal cards which I am putting to this other use.

I put in also the label that you wanted. Please add the authority to the name; I think it should be "Gray". I believe the plant is restored to specific rank now. I cannot find the notice in "Rhodora" that led me to mention that I had found it here, but

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Mr. Tayon's plant, and so I am not allowed to question whether it was the real thing; but why did I never find it, when I can prove that I began to look for it more than fifty years ago? Why has it escaped your eyes & Judge Churchill's, and those of a dozen other good botanists who have collected on the island? Why has Mr. Dame never collected it, who lived on the island several years and has spent about a dozen summer vacations there since he has lived in Medford? Now my proof. In 1850 Mr. John Lewis Russell visited the island, gave a few parlor lectures on botany at my mother's house. One day I took him down to Brant Point and we walked along the beach to the north. Bigelow's "Plants of Boston" was the only manual that I had ever used and in that was this report of Glaux in Plymouth, p. 104 of my edition the third, 1840, and I had sought the

I think it was that Springfield was beyond any station yet reported.

And now that I am launched in Volume I may as well reply to your last letter, or I may not find time for months.

I am truly sorry for the soft-coal nuisance that you have had to take into your house; I hope it will lead you to join with millions of other sufferers at the right time and in the right way, viz: by your voice, your pen and your vote, to make it impossible ever after this, for coal operators & railroad companies to bring such a calamity on the land. I have my usual supply of coal, put in at my usual time, May or June, but my friends all about me are trying all sorts of expedients to keep fairly comfortable in one or two rooms. One of them has shut up her house, taken the nice maid who has lived with her for years, and gone South, but she is a single woman of abundant means.

I am much pleased to have the information about *Amorphophallus*. I have a nice little plant — resting now, — and I have pictures and descriptions of *Amorpho* = - *Conophallus* and *Godwinia*.

I see by the November "Rhodora" that Mr. Faxon found *Glaux maritima* in Nantucket in 1878, so I have made an entry to that effect in my Nantucket Catalogue; I see you found it in Wells Maine in 1886. Mr. Fernald overlooked in his article, or in preparing the article, the record of its having been found in Plymouth, Mass. by Mr. Tuckerman. That was probably Professor Edward Tuckerman, as he afterwards became, of Amherst, and his plant may be in the herbarium of the college now. I suppose Mr. Fernald has been plant on our shores so long that I asked Mr. Russell something about it, perhaps how it looked or its special habitat, but did not know it, and could give me no help.

1878 – 24 years ago, but Tillaea reappeared after some sixty years. But Tillaea is abundant where it grows and has been overlooked from its minuteness and its resemblance – the land form – to Myriophyllum. I wonder if Mr. Faxon's specimen is labelled with the exact locality – we have some forty miles of beach, and I don't suppose all the botanists together ever covered the whole of it in their walks.

But I must close with all the good wishes of the season from your sincere friend

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield. April 6-1903-

Dear Mr. Deane,

Do you know of anybody who would like a small collection of New Zealand mosses, unnamed? I have about fifty which I should be glad to give away. Mr. Eric Craig sent them to me in 1881, but I am no bryologist, and I never did anything with them. They are nicely pressed and neatly put up in separate papers; on the other hand they are faded from age, although they have hardly seen the light for a minute in all these years, and many of them are unfruited. Such are their merits and defect, and if they can do anybody any good it is a pity that they should stay in a box on the top shelf of a closet forgotten except when housecleaning brings them to memory. If you know now or ever hear of anybody who would like them, only send me the address and he (or she) shall have them by mail without your taking any farther trouble.

I hope you and Mrs. Deane are well — as well as we are in this house, for the spring finds us in very good condition.

With my regards to both

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

words, because she expresses them better than I can, but as I adopt or endorse the sentiment they become mine.

Yours with all kind regards
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Dec-20. 1903.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I find by the plants which I enclose that I have neither written to you nor heard from you for more than a year.

I collected the grass in 1902 in two yards belonging to deserted farmhouses at Pocomo — These localities about quarter of a mile apart. I think the plant is *Bromus sterilis*, and if you agree with me, I will enter the new localities in my Catalogue. As you have been at Pocomo, you will recollect probably that it is up towards the head of the harbor; the next section of the island, east of this is Wauwinet. I should be pleased to have it turn out Bromus Tectorum, because that would be entirely new to the list. I found one of the "Dusty Millers" this year growing at intervals all along the shore from Brant Point to Capaum — farther west than that I did not go — At Capaum the plants showed that they were several years old; they were four or five feet high and the clumps six or seven feet in diam., but there are equally large plants I learned afterwards on the paths from No. 4 Beach St. to the bathing houses below the cliff. The flowers were so far gone that I could not identify the plant, but I think it may be Artemisia Stelleriana Bess. I brought cuttings home, which lived and grew till frost came, so I am hoping for flowers to examine next summer.

I send you a specimen of Aster Graminifolius, Pursh at a venture; you may not have had it from this locality. I know it is called a Senecio now, but I haven't Britton & Brown at hand or ed. 6. of the Manual, so I must give you the old name.

I have a curious specimen of Chestnut flowers, preserved in formaline — fifty or sixty little burs on the long staminate catkin, and, to match it, little ears of corn Indian corn on spikes of the corn tassel.

I hope you and Mrs. Deane are well. I send my Christmas wishes in Mr. Havergal's papers; some taken from letters.

In the early part of this year I had the sorrowful task of putting in some of the obituary notices of our dear friend Mr. Dame. Heaven forbid that I shall ever have to do that for the other of my two most efficient helpers! I neither expect nor wish to outlive you. But I should like your photograph if you have one to spare. I had two copies of the Memorial to Mr. Dame, so I took out of one for my book the fine picture of him, and I should feel the Catalogue enriched if I could add your portrait. Please see if you cannot gratify me.

With kind regards to Mrs. Deane and yourself

Yours most truly
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Dec. 7. 1903.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is, still [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the island, I [illegible] [illegible] I found it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] name of the [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] who is also a [illegible] or towards the north end of Long Pond, where [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], there is a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it; it is the [illegible]

[illegible] for [illegible] to [illegible] in a day, [illegible] if you would [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible], and the [illegible] among the [illegible]

Of course I [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] inquirers who

you [illegible] by [illegible]. [illegible] to [illegible], and to write out the [illegible]

I wish I could [illegible] [illegible] that time they were [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] thing and another, some cut from news-

Springfield Jan-2-1904

Dear Mr Deane,

I think an unmounted photograph will suit my purpose best. I am much pleased at the prospect of having one.

Yours very truly

M-L-O.

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge Mass.

Springfield Jan 4, 1904.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I think an unmounted photograph will suit my book best, and I am much pleased at the thought of having it.

Yours very truly

M. L. O.

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, Jan. 9. 1904

Dear Mr. Deane,

Your photograph came this morning, and I have nothing but praise for it. Of course I should expect from Mr. Holman taste in posing and excellence in execution, and these both appear in full degree in the picture. I like the dark background very much. And what shall I say of the subject that will adequately express my admiration without-

very much obliged, and I feel that my book is much enriched.

If I ever get time I mean to try for a better photograph of myself. I never liked the one I sent you, but it was taken, as I probably told you, at the earnest request of our women's club, and they insisted on my wearing the dress they had seen me in & which they approved of. And I didn't like the pose, although the photographer was (and is) a real artist, known to his brethren in the profession all over the country, apt to be a prize-winner in all exhibitions where he competes. If I ever do have a better picture, I will give you one for your gallery to replace the present one.

With kind regards to Mrs. Deane as well as yourself. Yours most truly M. L. O.

shocking your modesty? So much at least. That it looks like a

Scholarly, scientific, gentle man;
Like a Cambridge, Harvard and Boston man;
and just as handsome as it can.

Poetry! Capitals and rhymes for proof! And there's a rhythm to it too; if you don't perceive it at first, read it over and over, trying different accent and stress till you find it, and then it will go with such a swing that it will almost sing itself. — But I am ashamed of my vanity, — praising up my poetry, when I ought to have kept on about the picture. Well, it is mounted in the Catalogue on the fly-leaf, opposite the title-page, thus becoming the frontispiece of the book. I am glad you put in your card: I have cut off the writing and fixed it i.e. the name nicely at the bottom of the picture, where it looks much better than a written name would. Tomorrow morning I am going to add, in the right place, the dates that you gave me, — of birth and time of taking the picture. I always write better in the morning than at night.

I am thoroughly pleased and

Springfield, Dec. 23. 1904.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send my greetings to you and Mrs. Deane with a card appropriate for an ornithologist, but with grave suspicions that the birds and feathers are more imaginary than real. Whether there are a kingfisher and a kingbird I must leave to you to decide.

To me they are carrier pigeons charged to wish you with a pleasant Christmas And a Happy New Year.

Yours cordially yours

Maria L. Owen.

383 Union St.
Springfield Jan. 10. 905.

Dear Plato,

Thou reasonest well, — but *Audi alteram partem*. My decision to drop the paper had been long planned for the reasons that I gave Mr. Rich, and which need not be repeated, though I can add that I remember one number of Rhodora in which there was not one single article that I could understand; I looked through it in one minute, and then put it away never to be looked into again. Of late years there has not been a number that I cared to read all through, and of the articles that I can understand well

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Month. Now I will bring on something that I have had laid up for you since last September. See the enclosed letter from *my* niece. She is fond of wild flowers and knows most of them by name, but is no botanist — has no time to study her specimens much. The Christmas Cove specimen is broken all to pieces; can you judge by the fragments & the description whether it is *M. Virginica*? I thought it was. There! I mean *maritima* of course, though it was probably *Virginica* that she found in Baltimore. I made just such a mistake in *my* Christmas letter to you. I meant a Blue Jay, but I had just written Kingfisher, and down went "King-bird" almost automatically or mechanically. I hope I know a Blue Jay.

Yours with kind regards
Maria L. Owen.

enough, There are many of our local interest. Now There are people who do care for These Things, or There are not. In the first case let These people support the magazine; in the second let it come to an end. It was all right to support it at its start, to give it a chance, but now, after fair trial, if it proves That There are not enough subscribers who want it, to keep it going, let it stop - no disgrace in That; it only shows That we have not yet a scientific public up to it. As for my securing new subscribers, all the botanists of my acquaintance know of the magazine, and would take it if They wanted it without any solicitation. It is true That I can take "Rhodora" [illegible] without ruining myself, but while I weighed the matter I Thought what I could do with the saved dollar - I could give one more dollar to Tuskegee or Hampton; I could add one more to my local subscriptions for charitable or philanthropic objects; I could take another botanical magazine in which every article would give pleasure, and which would be as glad to get a new subscriber as Rhodora would be to keep an old one. But I will argue the case no farther; I cannot say with any truth That I want the magazine, but I can keep on taking it, and I have already written to Mr. Rich That I will do so. "Plato" did I call you? Nay, Chrysostom of the Golden

Springfield, Oct. 29. 1905 -

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have just come home from Nantucket — where I had been about ten days; I will send with this a sprig from there, and if you can tell me the name, I will add it to the Catalogue. It is thoroughly established on the beach from Brant Point to Capaum Pond at least, — how much farther I cannot say. It grows in immense clumps, or mounds I might say, for they are high in the middle and slope off to the edges. They have flowered abundantly, as appears from the scores of flower stalks dead at this season standing thickly together. It is a "Dusty Miller", but Senecio Cineraria = Cineraria maritima has "flowers in a dense corymb", says Gray in the Field, Forest and Garden Botany, which is the only

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to me constantly these flowery lengthening lists.

But nine more letters to be written at the earliest possible moment — summons me to close —

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Deane

Yours most truly

Maria L. Owen -

more I have to study it up.—

I could give [illegible] the names of many houses in Brant Point and the owners have made such gardens; it is [illegible] — This plant is an escape (or was) but finding the salt air and the beach sand so congenial, it has increased and spread wonderfully. That beach which separates Căpaum from the ocean is about 2½ miles west of Brant Point, and so far along the coast it can be found anywhere — so I judge from the testimony of a number of reliable people.

I have put a Chenopodium in with the Dusty Miller; it was perfectly fresh when I wrapped it up and though a mere weed it was quite pretty — its color a beautiful green. I will put a pressed specimen of the same into this letter. I suppose, though just from memory of its color and scent that it is Ch. ambrosioides, L. of which I found a few plants in 1892, never reported before. It is very common now in a street that runs from Main north to Broad St. along near the head of the wharves, — also in all the streets that run into that one [illegible]

I hope you [illegible] have [illegible] this year [illegible] and that you had a pleasant vacation in the country. If you found anything remarkable either in the plant or the bird world, do tell me about it. Somebody told me — I think it was Mr. Floyd — that Judge Churchill had been in Nantucket; [illegible] I wonder if he found anything new to the Catalogue; please ask him when you see him, and tell him that I should like to have the names if [illegible]

X [illegible] may be C. [illegible] (or since) 1892

Springfield, Jan. 12-1906.

Dear Mr. Deane,

As you want to know about Dea. Samuel Chapin, I will begin with him. The statue is to commemorate one of the first settlers of this town, and given by the Deacon's descendants for their own glorification and for the adornment of the city; the donors would reverse the order of those two motives but I think whether confessedly to themselves or not, that is the rank which would be found in the depths of their ~~givers~~' hearts. The sculptor is St. Gaudens and the work is much admired. There is no portrait of Dea. Samuel; the costume of his time is well known I suppose, and recently,

so circled, not for praise to Mr. Ruskin, when I am only able to see the plant itself again. "Come like shadows, so depart." That one year the echioides was fairly abundant in one place, but the hieracioides growing a mile or two off was represented by one plant only. That was a homely thing — a vigorous weed which we could willingly spare. Mr. Ruskin speaks again of "these most exquisite botanical plates", i.e. of the Flora Londinensis. Christmas I received in due season a card from you and Mrs. Deane, for which I wish to thank you, but I will close now to answer Mr. Deane's kind note.

Yours with kind regards
Maria L. Owen.

followed here; for the heads and features I suppose the artist copied from those individuals who, by common consent, were "regular old stamps" "the very images" of their grandfathers who again "could [illegible] the [illegible] tale," and it would not take many such steps or stiles to get near to the deacon himself. He is supposed to be marching along to "meeting" with church part, "Bible in hand."

The Goshen region yields something new every season, and I suspect it will indefinitely, for even "Nantucket" does so. I know what a valuable acquisition to your herbarium the plants from that region must be.

I have been reading Ruskin's "Praeterita" lately, — not for the first time, and today I came upon the following mention of Picris echioides, which I think I told you made me wear the most elegant with its double involucre Composite in the whole of the flower that I ever saw, though the pressed specimen I found within [illegible] ci. Ruskin was thinking of the "richly engraved plates executed in the close of the last century (the 18th was the last when he was writing) for the 'Flora Danica' and 'Flora Londinensis'." He adds "the latter is, in the most difficult portraiture of the Composite plants, even the more wonderful of the two" re-ferring in a note "See — in the second volume, published in 1778, Carduus tomentosus and Picris echioides." I fear that the Flora Londinensis is not in our library, but I would take some pains to look at a picture

Nantucket earlier than usual. My daughter and her husband think the sea air will be good for their little eight-months old baby girl, so they are going to spend the whole vacation there, July and August. I will look forward to any collecting myself, and can hardly hope for anything new to be brought to me, as the island-born show no great botanical zeal. However I know some off-islanders who are apt to spend the summer there who delight in searching the swamps & the pond sides. I hope they will be there this year.

With best regards to you & Mrs. Deane,

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen

383 Union St.

Springfield, May 20. 910.

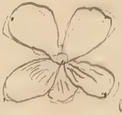
Dear Mr. Deane

I have not heard from, or about, you for a long time, but I trust that you and Mrs. Deane are both well, and that it will not bother you too much to tell me the name of a violet that I send.

It is from Mr. Gillett's garden in Southwick; his specialty is native plants, but this one was given to him by a man who knew nothing about it as far as name & nativity were concerned, and Mr. Gillett wishes very much to obtain that knowledge.

I did my best for him, but cannot find it in Gray or Br. & Brown

[illegible] either this case is an hybrid
[illegible] Garden, — I hope so. As
there was but one fresh flower
on the plant I took that off & pressed
it, and can tell you that the side
petals are bearded, although that
is not very plain in the dry
specimen, and the fifth petal is
so small that the outline of the
flower is square. The petals
have shrunk so irregularly
in pressing that this feature does
not show in the specimen, but in
the fresh flower it is so decided
as to give the aspect of a crucifer.
A cross shape is pretty where it is natural, but when a violet obtains it by
dwarfing one of its petals it seems to
me a blemish. Still this has a beauty



derived from its pure, unmixed white
and the delicate blue streaks. I liked
the plant that was given to me
well enough to set it out in my
garden, where it is doing well. The
specific name will [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] much and one to, [illegible]
[illegible] it and let me know at
your own convenience.

Dr. Chapin brought me an Fu-
maria last week, which he
thinks is certainly a new form
(& kind) and perhaps something
not reported before. The flowers
were immature, but he will bring
more later. There was a patch
of perhaps a hundred plants.

I suppose you are planning to
go to the country before long.
Where, this year? I am going to

Springfield. May 23. 900.

I wish that I knew the native country of that violet, but I understood from the friend who brought it to me, that Mr. Gillett did not know himself. If he did he ought to have mentioned it when he sent it to the Gray Herbarium. I wish I had known that he had taken that very proper step; I should have done nothing about it myself. Why is he seeking a decision from the small botanical us here, when he has already carried the case to the court of last appeal? I will ask Dr. Chapin to send you some of the Antennaria at the right time. [illegible] - Thanks for your prompt attention.

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
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I am much obliged for the name, and I know now where the queer specimen came from. There are two arborvitae trees at the entrance of Dr. E. B. Colman's garden, corn. of Federal + Broad Sts. — one each side of the gate-way, and I had been in the garden in the course of my walk that afternoon. I thought it was the common native species, however. I appreciate and admire Mr. Rehder's knowledge. M. L. O.

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Springfield June 29. 1907

Dear Mr. Deane,

I suppose I have told you that I have sold my house and am to clear it out and deliver it to the new owner Aug. 1. It is a great task to dispose of the accumulations of forty years, and it will occupy me fully with all the help I can get. You told me once that you had all the local plant catalogues that I had except that of No. Carolina from the State Survey, and one of Wilmington & vicinity compiled by Dr. T. F. Wood a Nantucket man by birth, or perhaps only by family, and Gerald McCarthy. That I deaf mute who was (I don't know whether he is still living) such a passionate lover of botany. I am giving away all of my books that I can do without, and you may have these catalogues if you want them, and if you do I will send them at once.

I am going to live with my daughter & son-in-law in Manhasset, L. Island. Mr. Sullivan had been elected principal of the Boys' High School in Brooklyn, 1600 boys & 75 teachers. Perhaps I have told you this before.

In greatest haste but with all kind regards to you & Mr. Deane

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

far worse place than this. She is a little over two years old and is now learning the English language, and the steps of her progress are very interesting. She is a healthy, strong and happy child, and very well brought up — no foolish indulgence to spoil her, but otherwise little restraint put upon her actions.

My son-in-law is a Harvard graduate — class of 1894 — and a member of the N. Y. Harvard Club. They have a Harvard Club in Manchester now & Mr. Bachelder is its first president. He says perhaps because he is the oldest member, but I know of other very valuable qualifications for that office.

With all best wishes for you and Mrs. Deane, Yours as ever

Maria L. Owen

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206 [illegible] St.

Brooklyn [illegible] 28. 1901

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have been ill a week ever since I came here, & Friday I began on my pile of unanswered letters; I had reached a correspondence card from you, and a kind note from your good ~~uncle~~ and my dear [illegible] going to reply when your pleasant letter came.

Your appreciation of my paper is very agreeable, and that paper let me say is all I am responsible for in the Report. Others did the rest, — reproduced the photograph & all.

As you remembered Mr. Bachelder well enough to guess right about him I will send you with this part of this

[illegible] which will [illegible] you
that he is still interested in science.
I have done with the [illegible] and it
could not go into the waste basket;
there are other matters in it that
[illegible] science. Mrs. B. is a very
good botanist herself, and others are
enthusiastic students of the [illegible].

You cannot read my address of Oct. 18th, for I never made it. The programme was made out as early as February, but I was in Nantucket in October. I gave "Luther Burbank & his Work" in June, illustrated by stereoptican slides that I had made for the purpose. I don't write out anything which I intend to say before an audience; I only use notes of the subdivisions of my talk, so as to keep to the main line, not omitting anything.

On your card you said "I have been at the Museum for two months, but the bldg. will be closed on Dec. 31. and I shall return home." What a mysterious, curiosity-provoking utterance! What museum? What were you doing there? Did it keep you entirely away from home, night as well as day? And why & for how long was the bldg. to be closed at the close of a year? You have earned a right to rest after 50 years of work, — how are you going to take it?

I am well contented here; the company of a dear little granddaughter would reconcile me to a

The tree-lover was Mr. Everett E. Thompson, classical teacher then in the High School; he died many years ago.

The collector of the abnormal was Miss Bell of Chicopee, now Mrs. Harmon. Her contributions were truly wonderful, — for one, a Sanguinaria with three flowers on its stalk.

The Longmeadow member Miss Goldthwait, a special teacher for part of the year, at Mt. Holyoke Seminary.

Microscopist, Miss Mary A. Booth.

Ph. D. Dr. George Dimmock.

Musical member, Mr. Batchelder.

Our wise counsellor and excellent botanist Mrs. Anna C. Smith.

The Secretary-Treasurer
was Miss [illegible] Washburn

The [illegible] [illegible] member
Mrs. [illegible] V. Burnham.

The lady who brought in so many new members was Miss Elizabeth J. [illegible], alluded to before as joining in the beginning, because she wanted to be a botanist and was willing to study. She was a teacher.

The daughter of our Chief Justice was Miss Mary Chapman – a lady of sufficient strength of mind to care little what people themselves said of her, as long as she was doing right, as she always was.

All of these members except Mr. Thompson are still living. [illegible]

P.S. I find that I have overlooked the doctor and the minister. The former was Dr. Walter H. Chapin, — you saw him in Springfield. He seldom comes to the meetings now, but he is in the very front rank for his knowledge; he has a fine compound microscope and uses that very profitably in the study of the lower orders.

The Rev. Geo. W. Perry was a Universalist minister; he used to go out to the hill towns west of us to hold mission meetings, and naturally found specimens on the heights which did not grow in the low level of our valley.

M.L.O. 1

(Brooklyn Feb. 6. 192[illegible])

Dear Mr. Deane,

Can (and will) you tell me when the new "Illustrated" Manual is to come out? Please answer as soon as possible — a line on a p.c. enough — I want to know speedily for a special reason. In tremendous haste, M.L.D.

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206 McDonough St. Brooklyn Feb-25-19[illegible]

True Friend in Need

What I want to know now is when Mr. Geo. B. Emerson died. His "Memorial" which I own would tell me, but that is beyond my reach — at Manhasset packed up with the rest of my books. I find from the Jan. Rhodora, that our Nantucket Rumex called in the Catalogue R. salicifolius Weinm. is R. pallidus, Big. Who knows but that R. mexicanus may be detected on the island? Dr. Gray used to say that he was never surprised at anything from Nantucket.

Yours very truly M. L. Owen

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206 Mc Donough St.
Brooklyn, N.Y. March 29-1908.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have been writing two papers on the heaths of Nantucket, i.e. those European *Ericas* + *Calluna*. Mrs. Morgan has one of them just now for her to acknowledge what I have put in on her authority, or else correct it, and when it comes back, I should like to send that and the other to you for advice. One is for *Rhodora* if Dr. Robinson will accept it, the other, never to be printed, I am going to give to the Gray Herb. - or to the Torrey Botanical Club of New York. I think it will not take you long to read them and then advise me — one evening will be enough. If you are willing to give me this help, I will send them when Mrs. Morgan returns hers, and then write again in full detail.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Deane,

Yours as ever
Maria L. Owen.

Brooklyn 206 McDonough St.
April 5 - 1908.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send you one of my papers on our heaths; to understand it you will have to read the Torrey Bulletin article to which I refer. I wrote about the same thing a number of years ago, and placed it in the Springfield City Library. I had previously given that library the first sixteen volumes of the Torrey Bulletin, bound, and I had this paper of mine inserted ~~in~~

with her son, spending his vacation there. I shall send it to you when it comes back to me; it is in pretty rough form, but if Dr. Robinson will accept it for Rhodora, I shall write it over, for I should be ashamed of its style as it is at present. Then I reconsidered this one which I send and I think the present decision will be final. You will see as soon as you read it that it was never meant for publication. No! That would never do. It is absolutely true — all those personalities, but discreet people don't print such things. Mrs. Pearson died some years ago; there is in vol-13 at Dr. Willis's article and fastened there, where it still remains I suppose, but may not be seen for a hundred years.

My mind did not remain at ease long; justice, truth and duty kept calling upon me to put my statement where it would be more likely to be seen by botanists and I planned another article going into details more, to be given to the Torrey Botanical Club — the article in fact, which I send you now, but I did not find time to write it for several years.

Then I thought I would give it to the Torrey Club and a duplicate to the Gray Herb- Then another idea took form in my mind; as you thought Dr. Robinson might like this for Rhodora, I would write another for that magazine without referring to Dr. Willis's tissue of misrepresentations, and I found time to accomplish that. It is in Mrs. Morgan's hands now; I wrote for it last week, but heard from a friend soon after that she was in Nantucket—

no child or grandchild left and no near relative to my knowledge to be hurt by what I say, and that is nothing very bad after all. Mrs. Pearson was a good woman, intelligent and interesting, but there was a weak spot in her character — what the phrenologists call a "love of admiration". It is only for the sake of the truth that I have had to expose it; you will see that I could not contradict Dr. Mills's point blank without just this portrayal of my friend's character. Now I will let you and Dr. Robinson read this paper and it may be sent to anybody and everybody who cares anything about the matter; they may lay its substance up in their memory but are by no means to copy any part of it. When it is done with I want it returned to me. I can put the substance of it into the other article, I have it all settled in my mind how I will do it, but no more about that just now. I will write again when I send the ~~send the~~ other paper; if it will be wanted for Rhodora I will fix it up to the best of my ability.

Yours with kind regards
Maria L. Owen.

Brooklyn April 10.1908

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send the MS. of The History of the Heather; it is just a rough draft, as it shows for itself. You may make any criticisms or suggestions that occur to you, and they will be gratefully received. I should like to have Dr. Robinson read it and see whether he _would_ like it for _Rhodora_ some time next fall. I hope to go to Nantucket early in July and while there to go over everything that Mr. Appleton told me, and go out with him and take another look at some of the plants — in short I am going to make the statements — I was going to say "unassailable," but people can *assail* anything, so I will say this instead; I am going to verify all that I record, so that it will stand any and all contradiction and come out triumphant. Mr. John Appleton is one of the owners & drivers of pleasure carriages for summer visitors, a man of superior intelligence and thoroughly interested in the preservation of the little plants. He has no reservations from me, and I couldn't have a better helper, so I shall write my paper all over, perhaps while I am in Nantucket — and then will come the plan for printing. *Rhodora* has the first offer. Yours most truly M. L. Owen

(over)

What adjective would you use before "Heaths" in the title? "European", "Foreign" "Old-World", "Exotic" or what? Or will the heading do as it is? We have twenty or thirty (counting species) of the Ericaceae which are all "heaths" in the large sense of the word but only in common language, and the three that I mean are so called. I want to have the title just right — as well as everything else

These [illegible] have a personal – a
connected history, apart from the ques-
tion of their introduction which is all
that a scientific journal would want,
so I would like to see you and
discuss with you some of the in-
cidents that have occurred in the
course of the forty years since the
discovery of the first one, but
when shall I have that pleasure? I
don't travel as much as I used to
forty years ago.   W. E. D.

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[illegible]

Brooklyn Mar. 8-1908

This is to tell you that the paper came back this morning. I am glad [illegible] like it well enough to accept it. He and you understand, I suppose, that the final one for publication cannot be ready till late in the summer. I thank you very much for your criticism of my style, and I shall weigh carefully every suggestion, but for my credit, I beg you to recollect that I told you what I sent was only the first rough draft; you can hardly find anywhere a more [illegible] critic of style — my own and others' works — than I am; I should say severe critic if that did not suggest unkindness from which I trust I am free. M. A. C.

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206 McDonough St.
Brooklyn, N.Y. May 12-1908

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have written my Rhodora paper almost all over, and I suppose you will be obliging enough to read it once more, for I send it along without previous notice. I always write in this way — get my ideas on paper and in as orderly an arrangement as I can, also in as good style, but for the style I correct & improve as long as the article remains in my hands. I shall

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(and you will not) never mind, John Appleton would know what they meant.

You can show it to Dr. Robinson or not, as you please; when I have written it once more I shall submit it to him for the final touches before it goes into the printer's hands. Suggest what you please, for its betterment now; I shall be thoroughly glad of any criticism.

With kind regards
Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen

go over this again, but not till I have been in Nantucket and verified my statements, or not verified exactly but made them more precise. You will see on the yellow paper what is still to be done. You will see too, that if I should be taken away before this paper was ready for the printer, you could finish it, and you would be the best person to do it. Mr. John Appleton would take you to see the plants and tell you all about them in one day. The finger of Destiny which has been pointing at me will then turn round till it reaches you.

What has puzzled me much is the best way to refer to that Frillis article and contradict it. How does my idea of putting it into a note strike you? I tried at least two other ways, and if ~~this~~ my language in this seems savage ~~the~~ it was worse in the others. I adopted the improvements in the first paper that you suggested, or most of them, and shall be grateful for more.

I have added to the typewritten article, and am now quite well satisfied with that as I never have been before.

If you don't understand all the notes on the yellow paper

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See Wood's Manual
for its date p. 3-

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Nov 22-1910 Cambridge.

Dear Mr Deane,

The new portrait is [illegible] this house, if you will come in from Cambridge, [illegible] Mr [illegible] went up to see the [illegible] and is [illegible] in the [illegible] report of the [illegible].

I shall send tomorrow, [illegible] a [illegible] specimen of [illegible] *Ambrosia artemisiae-folia* from Illinois. It attracted [illegible] attention [illegible] its [illegible], appressed branches and its color, almost yellow. It was in the middle of a

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[illegible] when he would [illegible] the office, [illegible] afterward [illegible] article about him in the Magazine, [illegible] I would send you to read [illegible] convenience. I invited Mr Thomas and [illegible] to go with me, and [illegible] the [illegible] where we found [illegible] Dutchman [illegible] the same species of wild-pansies too well-grown as it was in [illegible] more [illegible] normal individuals. [illegible] told me that Dr. Robinson was interested in that family and wanting me to send the specimens to him, and I thought I would, but afterwards I thought I had rather [illegible] in writing [illegible] it would [illegible] on an old friend than on a gentleman whom I knew so little as Dr. Robinson. I wrapped it up for mailing weeks ago, but I suppose it is not hurt by standing [illegible] in a warm room.

I spent a month in Nantucket and much of the time was ~~[illegible]~~ used in visiting the haunts again, and in collecting [illegible] to get [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] Mr. Appleton's son children said [not] the [illegible] both [illegible], but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Miss [illegible] who was well informed and had the documents [illegible]. Mr. Appleton is thoroughly interested in my work; I have employed him [illegible] for two years to take me out driving all over the island, and that has turned out much to my advantage. It was through him I made the acquaintance of Dr. [illegible]. Mr. Appleton was at the [illegible] [illegible] when the Dr. [illegible] [illegible] a bit of botany in his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] which [illegible] the Dr.'s

The new [illegible] reached me there, how delightful in many particulars! Perhaps the budding botanists [illegible] can work out the names of their collections with the keys of this admirable book!

In a recent number of *Rhodora*, monthly book, in one of those preliminary plant lists, there was a record of *[illegible]* *squarrosa* with a locality in Massachusetts given as the northern limit of the plant as far as known; i.e. I understood it so, though I was not quite certain. I took out a map at any rate and found that our Springfield station was a small fraction of a degree farther north than the one in the list. I guess I sent you specimens of it long ago.

Well other *Rhodora* came some time ago; do you know how soon after the issue they send out the extra numbers and separates to contributors? I wish I [illegible] until then I could [illegible]

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the spring, [illegible] in autumn, as there is [illegible] [illegible] in particular and [illegible] in the [illegible] with large [illegible] [illegible] etc. This beautiful [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] adapted to us ready to meet us, were the [illegible] on table and all the silver trappings with which the [illegible] love to [illegible] of the beauty of their [illegible]. This was a [illegible] [illegible] to me & the [illegible], [illegible]

In this [illegible] I had [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]. In the [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] the [illegible] & the [illegible] [illegible] plants which are [illegible] of the [illegible] and had a pleasant talk with the courteous, pleasant and obliging gentleman. He picked everlasting flowers to suit me, and our wild flowers especially. He told me of the E. Texanus planted in the meadow which I had never seen and never shall see, perhaps and found them by careful work, the low branches of the firs and cedars, where as he said "it actually could hardly make its way." When I told him about the paper which I was writing, he offered me any help that he could give, and you will see from the article in Rhodora what valuable aid he did furnish. He knew the value of exactness in a paper like mine, and so of his own accord, went in and counted those plants.

How old? does it mean to you to ask? Past middle life and very comely in face. His voice was a delight to me, so clear and rich. I suppose deaf people are always critical about voices. How was it providential that Mr. [illegible] on that particular day to drive the [illegible] into his coach- "Begin a web, Heaven sends thread." This favorite proverb of mine was proved, as to its truth, a number of times in my different researches, notably in the case of Miss Lydia Folger and Mr. [illegible], but I could ill tell you half the good times I had going from one person to another, when writing a book.

After my stay in Nantucket I returned to our pleasant summer home in [illegible] where we stayed late — into Novemmy time. I have thought of going away for a while more winter [illegible], but I should want to be at home when these [illegible] came, to send them out to my many friends. Even if I do not go away, I want to know when to expect them. If you do, or can learn, will you tell me in a few words on a postal card? Then you can take your own time to answer my long but not urgent letter. With best regards to you and Mrs Deane

Yours very truly,
Maria L. Owen

In Wild West Costume.

A man who promises to be one of the most picturesque members of the summer colony at Nantucket this season arrived in the city last evening, en route for the island, clad in wide sombrero, corduroy coat and trousers, heavy riding boots, clanging spurs, a roll of thousands of dollars in "yellow backs," a cartridge belt with several rounds of ammunition, a heavy Colt revolver that was the wonder of all who saw it, and lastly, but of by far the greatest importance to him, his companions for the summer months—three beautiful western ponies. The saddles which he had to throw over their backs were also of wonderful make, each of them being ponderous affairs, loaded down with silver trappings. E. Le Roy

The man's name is ~~E. H. F.~~ Thompson and he hails from somewhere in the wilds of Wyoming—a ranchman by occupation, and one who has been very successful, too—and a very quiet and interesting person. As he rode through the streets in his make-up of the western plains, he was the cynosure of eyes from every direction, and more than one observer wondered what his business here could be. It was thought by those who had seen him leading his ponies that he was a horse trader, and this opinion became quite general. Inquiry at the stable of William D. Richards, where he put up his horses for the night, brought forth the information that the horses were for his own use while at Nantucket, and Mr. Thompson himself felt quite aggrieved when informed of the impression that had gotten abroad concerning him.

He was far from a horse-trader, he maintained, and while there might be money enough in New Bedford to make him part with his horses, he said that he had not seen it as yet. One of his ponies, "Bess," he says he will never part with, and he tells with a great deal of pride of the speed and endurance of the little pony, and of the wagers that he has won in various tests.

Mr. Thompson visited Nantucket a couple of years ago, making a brief stop at that time, and he was so much attracted by the island that this year he has hired a cottage there for the summer, and has had a barn erected in rear of it in which to quarter his ponies. He has no family, and comes here alone, but he cares for little other company than his horses, and says that he anticipates a mighty pleasant time at the island. Failing health is the cause of his trip to a spot on the ocean, and he is of the opinion that the change of atmosphere is what is needed to brace him up.

To see him on the back of one of his ponies, cartridge belt at his waist, and his wide sombrero pulled down over his eyes, one would think him a genuine cow-puncher from way back yonder in the bad lands. Talk with him, however, and the illusion is quickly dispelled. He is a ranchman, but he owns the ranch and in his manner is quiet and unassuming. The fact that he has come clear across the continent arrayed in his costume of the plains, he explains by the fact that shortly after he started east, his hostler was taken sick and Mr. Thompson did not want to entrust the care of his saddle-horses to any one else. So he played the role of hostler all the way across, and accordingly he wore a costume fitted for the work. And then, again, he is of the positive opinion that he will wear any costume that he likes, and he kind of prefers his present get-up, because it is the one to which he has been accustomed all his life.

While standing in Richard's stable this morning, he saw a bird dog that caught his fancy, so he bought it. Howard Ames owned it, and when Mr. Thompson offered him a $20 bill for it, he handed over the dog.

Mr. Thompson arrived in the city last evening and left on the afternoon boat for Nantucket, together with his ponies and his newly acquired dog.—N. B. Standard, 4th.

Dr. Thompson is to occupy the cottage of Byron E. Pease, at Quidnet.

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206 McDonough St.
Brooklyn, Dec-22-1908

Dear Mr. Deane,

I took up my pen to send you Christmas greetings, but will use it first to tell you to keep that Inquirer clipping as long as you can use it for anybody's pleasure, and when you read it do tell your hearers of that providential sprig of heather which the~~y~~ Dr. wore when Mr. Appleton providentially met him, and which led to my learning about his discoveries, and later to his help about the iron-leaved feathers. Doesn't Heaven send thread to a web begun?

My separates came, and are now, as you suppose, widely distributed. And I received the paper that was sent to Mr. Rand's address, Thanks to him and you.

I congratulate you on your new honor, – president of the N. E. Bot. Club. I am glad to have a personal friend in that high position. What a wonderfully full set of Carices you have! That one lacking species must be very rare. What is it?

Now my Christmas greetings shall go, entrusted to this innocent faced little bambino; I trust he will assure you and Mrs Deane both of my warmest remembrances

Yours most truly
Maria L. Owen.

167 McDonough St.
Brooklyn, Dec. 29. 1909.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have waited longer than I wanted to before thanking you & Mrs. Deane for the pretty little book with its kind sentiment, but I have not been sitting with idle hands all these days, and I certainly did "forget [you] not."

What a delightful time the Botanical Club will have with its visitors Friday, and

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Pond and to the Whitaker Life-Saving Station. The coloring of the vegetation was gorgeous every where. I secured a few specimens of an aster that has puzzled me before this year, and sent them to Mr. Floyd. It is a handsome species, its purple is the brightest, enough red in its combination to make the color brilliant.

Your letter was directed to 206. I suppose I had not sent you word that we moved last spring to 167 McDonough St. We like the change for we have a whole house, while 206 [illegible]

[illegible] did not give us room enough. [illegible] with regard to Mr + Mrs. both. M. L. Owen

the visitors are to be congra-
tulated too on this opportunity
of meeting the distinguished N.E.
botanists. I hope Rhodora
will report the meeting.

I take the magazine though
I read it with much skipping,
so many of the articles are
for specialists, but I do not
skip the lists of the local
flora, interesting in themselves
and showing incidentally
one of the things that you
are busy about.

I went to Nantucket very
late this year — Sept. 22 — and
stayed five weeks. The weather
was warm and sunny most
of the time, and my friends took
me out driving twice, once to
Gibbs's swamp and the great [illegible]
on [illegible] and back through Saul's
Hills, then another to the western
end of the island, across Long

or flower either; if you are acquainted with it I have seen the flowers and fruit just once. It may have a different habit in other localities, — I cannot say about that, as I never collected it, or even saw it elsewhere.

I hope you and Mrs. Deane are looking forward to a pleasant summer and that *happy* finds are in store for you.

With all kind regards to both

Yours most truly

Maria L. Owen

Nantucket — Mar. 24. 910.

Dear Mr. Deane,

It is time I thanked you for your Euphorbia article in Rhodora; I had read it, as I take the magazine, but such an attention showing remembrance, is always pleasing. The paper was not wasted for I have asked my daughter to send it to our friend Miss Freeman who had not seen it. That lady and I came down together last Wednesday, and she, in her usual way, experienced traveller as she is, managed to see as many of our interesting objects as most strangers do in a month. She went home yesterday morning, but in the time that she was here we took a long drive every day — four. If you know that great thicket of Scotch broom on the Cliff you can imagine how gay it is now, covered with its great yellow blossoms. Our heaths are not in flower yet, but we saw all three of them — the Calluna and the broom seem to be thoroughly naturalized here.

What a delightful find you had in that "wild" spurge! Mr. Kerr was equally happy thinking that he had E. Esula; he sent me specimens, which are probably where I placed them, in the herbarium of the Phila. Bot. Club; I am going to write to them to correct the error — or I will write a memorandum myself to lay with the sheet.

Mr. Kerr died about two weeks ago, out in Minnesota; a kind, thoughtful man, whose death I should lament, if it had not been for him a release from an ulcerated and painful malady.

We found Arenaria peploides on the beach here, a common plant on our shores, but like the E. Cyparissias only more so, it seldom being

Nantucket July 6-1910-

Dear Mr. Deane,

I knew it would be a pleasure to read the leaflets you sent me, so I put it off till I should have time to go through them at my leisure - hurry spoils enjoyment. (I did enjoy both, though it is sorrowful to think of the dire need that calls out such pains. Last fall the authorities perceived that a beautiful stretch of road between our Manhasset home and the village needed "Clearing up", so they went at it with saw, hatchet, scythe and grass-knife

"I see Dr. Chapin minded what I said when I had to go off and leave you to his care for out doors & my cousin's for the house. He will be pleased to find that you have not forgotten what he did-

Glaux maritima found at last in our township though on the island of Tuckernuck. The shore of Madaket Harbor and along there is evidently the place to seek the plant on our island - I never collected there - too far from town for my youthful botanizing!

As Mr. Rugg found Arenaria peploides in bloom some three weeks ago, I went to his locality yesterday - some two or three miles from the bathing beach, to the westward. I found and left it a piece of ugly desolation. Now if you are willing I will try to get your paper republished in one of the local newspapers, or such parts of it as the editor may select for his purpose. It is very desirable to extend the influence of such excellent papers

And the other on our wild flowers. Its practical suggestions, needed here as everywhere, would perhaps be acted on if brought before certain people. Could you spare three copies? Coming from the president of the N.E.B.C. they would be most effective.

Mrs. Stokeley Morgan, Presi of the Nan. Soc. for P.W.F.

Miss Helen A. Gardner, a zealous member of the same.

Miss Marianna Hussey a teacher in the High School, much interested in natural science.

Mrs. Morgan's if you send it had better be directed to the care of Miss Gardner — for herself & Miss Hussey "Nantucket" is sufficient address. Mrs. Morgan went abroad last October & has not returned yet, although expected now, — may be here any time. These ladies will really try to carry out your suggestions about Hibiscus &c.

fruit on the large, old plants. It was always at the very base of the long branches, which taught me where to look for the flower in future. It may not be so rare as I have supposed, it may have been covered by drifting sand on the very plants where I was seeking it in the axils of the upper leaves!

With all kind regards and the hope that nice "finds" are in store for you this summer,

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

Manhasset, L.I. N.Y. July 20-1910-

Dear Mr Deane. Dr. Walter H. Chapin's address is 675 State St. Springfield, Mass. I hope you will be sure to send him your paper, - it will please him so much. I am glad somebody in Springfield has found fruit on E. Cyparissias. I had the plant in my yard and never noticed any fruit on it, although, to be sure, I did not know then how rarely it formed seed. I haven't written for that desired permission, though I should like it well enough. I don't believe the articles are copyrighted. Yours very truly M. L. D.

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass

16 McDonough St.
Brooklyn, Dec. 16. 1910

Dear Mr. Deane,

Mr. Fernald's notice of *Hyoscyamus niger* in the September Rhodora, followed by yours in the November number move me to tell you what I know about it. I first saw the plant on Castle Island in Boston harbor. My record is at our summer home in Manhasset now closed for the winter, but the date must have been 1845, 6 or 7, for in those years I was in South Boston, teaching at the

for the friend who took me there could guide a horse up and down stairs as an every day matter, and his horse, mountain-bred, — intelligent creature — could have done the same alone, too, I dare say.

Mr. Floyd tells me of Dr. Chapin's election to membership in the N. E. Bot. Club. He is worthy of the honor and will value it I am sure, though I suppose he will seldom be able to attend the meetings.

With all kind regards to you and Mrs. Deane

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen

Institution on The Bluff.

It has been found in Nantucket as the enclosed shows, — a copy of an entry of one of the additions to our flora in my Gr. interleaved book. It was very likely one and the same plant that these two observers saw, for between Commercial wharf and the Steamboat Landing is a long stretch as you know, and includes the corner of Whale and Main Sts.

In an earlier number of the Journal Mr Emile Williams tells of a drive in Franklin County with a cousin when they saw *Waldsteinia fragarioides*, a find which pleased him much, and that sent me to records which I have here. (I saw the plant in Castleton, N.Y. in 1858 May) and again in Jamaica, Vt. June 6-1876. (I didn't think it was rare, — supposed it could always be found when you got to the right place. The locality in Jamaica was Hamilton Falls, a wild rocky region a paradise for botanists I am sure. At that time it was absolutely untouched by man, the spoiler, and seldom visited by anybody, for it was accessible only by a truly awful road, Hyoscyamus niger, L., found between Commercial Wharf & the steamboat landing, by Ludwig Schumacher, who sent me a specimen from Millington, N. J. Aug. 16, 1888. (I received the letter Aug. 13.)

Edward Bancroft of Phila. found it at the corner of Whale & Main Sts., about the same time.

Landome, Nassau Co. N.Y.
April 9. 1911.

Dear Mr. Deane,

A young friend has written to ask where she can get leaflets, or any literature, on the preservation of our wild flowers. I could tell her if I could reach my books and papers, but we moved out here yesterday, and my possessions are in trunks and boxes which may not come for a week.

This lady is an ardent lover, student and protector of birds, and I am sure will do good work for the flowers too.

Even after my things get here

it will take some time to unpack and find places for all so I venture to pass the request along to you and hope it will not bother you much. Just a line or two on a postal card will be enough, and I shall be extremely obliged.

We have probably come out this time for good, the Brooklyn house will be given up, so the clearing out and transfer had to be thorough.

"Stands Scotland [i.e. our Manhasset house] where it did?" Yes, it hasn't stirred an inch, but our part of the township has grown so much in population that they have given us a post-office of our own, under the name which the old Dutch owners gave to an immense farm which had been owned by one family for nearly three hundred years, when they sold it to be cut up into building lots. They say Plandome is Dutch for Happy Home.

I hope Mr. Deane is well this spring — you too.

With kind regards to both
Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

Plandome, L.I., N.Y. Apr. 12-1911

Dear Mr. Deane, The address above is shorter & just as good as with the county added. I still take *Rhodora* and I read your article on Dr. Penhallow with interest. I knew him a little when ~~of~~ he was in Amherst. You can send your "address" to Miss Emily B. Adams

Idylease Inn
Newfoundland
New Jersey.

I know she will like to have it.

63 — you boy! I never *began* to feel old till I had twenty years added to that age.

Yours very truly
M. L. O.

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Manhasset, Long Island
April 15. 1911

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Deane

An Easter card for both of you, with my thanks for your greetings brought by the pretty daisies. The other is in anticipation of the birthday that is coming; not appropriate for a spring anniversary, but it is the only one I have that carries on it the word "birthday." May you have as many in future as you want!

With all kind regards to both
Your sincere friend
Maria L. Owen.

(over)

I have gone back to our old Post Office; I find it much more convenient for this house than the new Deandonne Office - M-L-O-

Thomasville, [illegible] May 25- [illegible]

[illegible] my old address brings my letters to
the house quicker than the new one-

Dear Mr. Deane

Can [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in fertilization, so
nearly complete for the region that it
embraces, still [illegible] *arvensis*
is not very common even in small
[illegible] on a venture- I found a little patch
of it under a tree in the lawn a fortnight ago, — my
two hands would cover it — and have been
watching it for fruit ever since- I don't believe
it is going to form any. Except for that
lack the specimens are good-

When you reply will you tell me
how rare *Tillaea simplex* or *Vaillantii*
is. The *land form*, which makes such a
beautiful green sod? I have in mind a
paper for Rhodora on [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] in [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible]

made to much of a [illegible] — this is very common. I am late in returning to Nantucket this year, but hope to be there before the middle of June —

Yours with kind regards —

Maria L. Owen —

Manhasset, L.I. May 28. 1911

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am as pleased as you are about that Sherardia, probably more so, for it is better to give than to receive. I wish you could see the flower when fresh, — like a cunning little houstonia of a bright lavender and with the most delicate tube — as fine as a hair. If I thought Judge Churchill would like a specimen, I would send him one, but he probably keeps to the way he began with & his Herb. — putting only his own collections into it. But I will give you one more piece for you to bestow on some botanical friend and will put in an extra label to go with it.

You needn't look up Tillaea in the books; & I am not going to write a monograph on it, but an utterly unscientific paper telling the history of the plant on our island — found by Oakes, lost for some sixty years then found again, — lost again, but to be sought again this year vigorously if circumstances favor me — I wanted to know if it was fairly common or somewhat rare, and what you could tell me of your own knowledge, and then I could judge how much of a time I should make over the thing —

And please tell me what Carex is lacking from your Flora — It must be extremely rare and so I am extremely desirous to know what it is —

Yours with kind regards

Maria L. Owen —

132 Pearl St. Nantucket, Aug-18-1911

Can the miserable specimen I send with this be *Iva* xanthifolia Nutt.? Mrs. Nellie Flynn brought it to me yesterday, — fresh enough then, but it began to wilt and dry at once in spite of all my pains. She found a fine large plant in Howard St., a short street that runs out of the western end of Main St. Only one plant there as I understood it. She called it *Iva* but gave no specific name. I hope you are having a good time somewhere. M. L. Owen.

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
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desire to make a name for himself – to show off before the world." The ambition which he had was to do good work without a thought of the credit & praise that it might bring him – he was diligent in work from the pure love of it. What he learned was gladly shared with all who cared for it, – it was a real delight to him to take a botanist out into the field, show him the rarities and tell him the observations he had made upon them – I will lend you whichever of these two articles you have not seen, but you certainly should have both –

Mr. Batchelder was a descendant of that Hugh Tallant whom Whittier brings into his poem of "The Sycamores", but the best of that man's

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[illegible]

Dear Mr. Deane

Mr. Batchelder deserves the best notice that Rhodora can give him, but I am am not the one to write it, because writing is a slow & irksome task to me. I know people who would put down without hesitation ~~that~~ in an hour what it would take me a week to compose — what a waste of my time which I need so much for other things!

Mr. Batchelder sent me two notices – one [illegible] "A Gentle Life" was enclosed in her letter — a cutting from some paper. Then she sent me a paper containing a longer notice. From the two a good article could be made, though valuable additions about his work could be supplied from their own knowledge by yourself and several at the Herbarium.

The newspaper article that gave the facts about his parentage, his work as an organist in different places, the surviving relatives &c. is valuable for its information, but is marred by serious defects in style; some of the expressions would set Mr. Batchelder's teeth on edge, for he had a charming style of his own, — clear, simple, direct and with a playfulness, a gentle humour when the subject allowed it. If you ever read those articles on the flora of Manchester & its vicinity that came out in a Manchester paper, you have seen good examples of this.

One thing in "A Gentle Life" should ~~do~~ not be repeated as it stands in any Rhodora article, — that is, that if he lacked anything it was ambition. When that is said of a man without qualification it implies indolence, or not using one's powers to their full extent, but the writer of this really beautiful tribute did not mean that. The ambition that Mr. Batchelder lacked was the

Character was not set forth there, — the poet did not know it himself; he told my sister once that he wished he had known it — he would have added to his picture.

Mr. B. was also descended from the Rev. Stephen Bachiler who was in this country from 1632 on for a dozen years — more or less. His character, moral & religious, most unjustly attacked in his lifetime but fully vindicated now. My kinsman by both of these lines of descent and we value greatly both of these ancestors. I always like to know a person's forebears when I read his biography, but my taste may not be shared by all and besides half of the readers of Mr Batchelder's obituary notice might never have heard of these two men, one half of the rest would know only the more frivolous parts of Hugh's character, and the old estimate of the Rev. Stephen's, and it might seem to such to be of no great credit to come of such stock although Daniel Webster and the poet Whittier were of the Bachiler descent -

At this late day I will send *my* thanks for the article about Nantucket from "The Bellman"; I liked it well enough to send it along to my sister-in-law in Philadelphia - You were more prompt in acknowledging the receipt of the letter in the N.Y. Post! I do not know the author — I wish I did -

What a task you have before you, — to bring the nomenclature of your great herbarium down to the present style! Pleasant though and certainly improving - instructive - for a change of names is bothering till one gets used to it -

With all kind regards
& Yours most truly
Maria L. Owen -

write, write, and the housework
was put into the hands of servants
who could not do it half as well as
I – could –"

This is light & frivolous stuff,
though true, I insist upon that,
and I write it with a heavy heart.
My dear friend and kinsman is
seldom out of my mind, and I
mourn for him with true and
deep sorrow which will never
grow any less while my own
life lasts.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

[Rec'd Oct 31]

[illegible], [illegible] Oct. [illegible] 1911

Dear Mr. Deane

I will try to outline
an article about Mr. Batchelder
to be filled in by you or some-
one at the Bot. Garden. Now

1. For what date is it wanted?
2. Is it "A Genial Life" or the other article that you have seen?
3. Will somebody in Cambridge put in some of Mr. B.'s really good botanical work?

This is due to him, and also
to the magazine itself as show-
ing why he deserved a farewell

tribute in its pages.

4. Please send my letters [illegible]. I couldn't reproduce it from memory, yet from what you say, I may find part of it useful.

5. What is your opinion and advice about bringing in those two ancestors?

When you answer please do not think any one of the above four questions and one request immaterial. They are important, and if they are not all noticed in your reply, my part of the contract will be off, so you will do well to read this over when you are writing your answer.

I never knew the *exact* meaning of the expression "the irony of fate" though I know well enough how it is used. For instance of myself. "From her girlhood all through life, writing, from a *school* composition up to an article for *Rhodora*, was a tremendous task to her. She would have gladly taken at any time instead of such work a couple of hours in a friend's kitchen, washing the dinner dishes for her, yet such was the irony of fate, she was continually besought to

Manhasset, L.I. N.Y. Nov. 4 - 1911

Dear Mr. Deane

I write in great haste to ask you to tell Dr. Robinson, that I had rather write for the Jan Rhodora than to hurry up an article for December. Besides Mr. Batchelder will help me, as the enclosed letter shows, and what she can contribute is well worth waiting for. I will return the letter you have sent me very soon.

With all kind regards
M. L. Owen

Manhasset, L.I. N.Y. Nov. 10th

Dear Mr. Deane,

I return with thanks Mrs. Batchelder's letter to you, but will keep my own to you a little longer. I have now all the data that I can expect from Mrs. B. for she is very sick with congestion of the spinal cord and extreme nervous prostration. She ought not to have written me the long letter that I received yesterday, but the sole pleasure left to her now is to talk and write about her dear husband. I will do my best to have my article ready early in December but I foresee hindrances. I am

glad a sketch like this is quite
a piece of news to be forthcoming
at any rate at some definite
time. Yours with kind regards

Maria L. Owen

I have sent
to-day. Nov 23, 1917.
to
Mrs. Grace P. Johnson
Mus. Nat. Hist.
Springfield
Mass.

a letter from
Mrs Allen
dated
Manhasset. L. I.
May 14. 1912

It contains of importance -

WD

– Omit – All's Well

I [illegible]

II [illegible]

III [illegible]

IV [illegible]

V [illegible]

Countess
Bertram
Lafeu
Helena
Parolles

Manhasset, May 19-1912

The marked Bird paragraphs in the O.&M. were only to call my daughter's attention to some local and personal items. The "Poet" of "Poet's Corner" is rather choicer than usual, though for part of the fun one must know the localities of the Line of March. You may remember them however. Take your own time for the name of the flower. I have lived in ignorance a year without serious results, and if another is added I can stand it. I have not seen the bird again. Cats are too thick about here. M. L. O.

PLANDOME MAY 20 1912 P.M. N.Y.

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Manhasset, L.I. Aug-16-1912

Ans

Dear Mr. Deane,

Can you tell me the name of the enclosed plant? I never saw it any more than my friend Miss Soule who sent it to me, and without flower or fruit what can we do? But you probably know it by its leaves.

for many seasons. You will remember that I was there the summer that Dr. Morong went to the island. She said to me once "I want you to come and visit me every year as long as I live". But time did its work on her, and after the winter that I spent at the Cathcart House I never stayed with her again; it was a good opportunity to

I have my article on Tillaea in Nantucket all ready for Rhodora if the editors will accept it, and I will send it to them or rather to Dr. Robinson when I hear that he has got back to Cambridge.

I hope you are away in some pleasant country place. I have not been to Nantucket this year; in the two places where I have felt so much at home of late years every room was taken early for the whole season, and I feel the weight of my years, I could not search the town for another place and could not find one either so perfectly satisfactory. I had a real home with my old friend Mrs. Starbuck

Shelburne, N. H.
Aug. 12th, 1912.

My dear friend:-

I shall not apologize for asking you the name of the plant I send with this, for I do not remember ever seeing it before. It comes from a
bog
and neit

Menyanthes trifoliata

bud, flower nor
fruit can be found.
The young leaves
are thick and
puffy when fresh,
almost like rubber
in feeling. The
deep green of the
root stock is odd,
and the plant is
interesting.

~~I should ask Dr.~~

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break up the custom -
Mrs. Starbuck will be
ninety-four years old
next month and although
fairly well for her age,
able to go out and call
on her neighbors with
the help of a friendly
arm, she has to have a
personal attendant

all the time -

Yours with all kind
regards,

Maria L Owen -

Manhasset, Aug. 23-1912

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am *very* much obliged for the name of that plant, and I can say the same for the folks up in Shelburne, though I have not heard from them yet. I know the pretty buckbean flower perfectly well, though I did not recognise the leaves; I never saw the plant growing but once and that was in Nantucket — now, how long

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younger in health and & strength. I wish that Mrs. Coolidge enjoyed the same blessings.

With my regards to you and Mrs. Deane,

Your obliged friend

Maria L. Owen

ago was it? My dear Cousin Eben Tallant told me there was "a new flower" out in a certain pond so out we went to get it. What fun we had! It was in deep water but Eben said he could swim - As for the years ago, we were neither of us married then, and now he is a grandfather and I a grandmother -

I have mailed my Tillaea article addressed as you advised me - Now think a little about my sending you the plant in 1895, when it was not discovered till 1904! It was Woodwardia angustifolia (areolata now) most beautiful specimens - (I believe the largest were five feet high and so perfect. That clear and clean little pool all dried up now and the ferns gone -) But I was not excited, only gay. Those pranks that I wrote to you about were performed for the amusement of the young relative with me; he was gay too and invented more pranks to celebrate the find -

What a splendid old age Dr. Coolidge is enjoying! He is nearly two years older than Mrs. Starbuck, but ten years

Manhasset, Aug. 28-1912.

I am sure I don't know myself what I mean. I wrote that article for Rhodora long ago, but revised it thoroughly very lately. Mr. Floyd has my Catalogue with original entries, but I will get it and make the dates right. How truly dreadful if it should get into print with them wrong! I am *immensely* obliged to you for your letter and will write again when the matter is settled.

M. L. O.

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
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Manhasset, L.I. - N.Y. - Aug. 31 - 1912

Dear Mr. Deane

Tillaea was discovered Aug. 24 - 1894 and I lost no time in sending you word, Aug. 27th as you say. I don't know what attack of absent-mindedness or perhaps lunacy led to those singular remarks in my letter - I didn't have to send away for my own Catalogue - The dates and records are all here in their proper places, and all right - right too in my Rhodora article, ~~and~~ as the first draft which I still have shows.

I send with this a copy of the latest report of the Maria Mitchell Association particularly to show you what they are doing in botany. Mrs. Albertson who is a cousin of M. Mitchell is an admirable curator; she is thoroughly interested in the natural history of the island and *very* efficient in promoting the study of it by the young people in *every* department — geology, ornithology, conchology, entomology and the rest of the island ologies, and her daughter Alice, the assistant curator, shares her mother's interest.

May their lives and their good work long continue!

Yours with kind regards,

Maria L. Owen

P.S. I am always glad to hear of Judge Churchill. Please give him my regards. M. L. O.

Manhasset, L.I. Sept-11-1912 - 1-

Dear Mr. Deane,

I sent you the M.M. report "for keeps," - I don't want it again -. If there is any difference between these two names applied to the Association, it is that one is the legal designation and the other the colloquial term; that is my guess at any rate. Mrs. Albertson, the custodian is Maria's cousin as I told you; her husband is, like herself, a Friend - She has a sister who also married within the meeting; her husband Friend Hinchman is rich. It seems as if one of his pleasures in life is to draw checks for the benefit of that association - Not infrequently we see that they have had a valuable gift but that the donor wishes to withhold his name. The observatory built on the grounds a few years ago is an example - Sometimes it is a much needed improvement that they are enabled to make through an unnamed donor - the improvement of the grounds and this work on the herbarium for instance. We always lay these things to Mr. Hinchman -

The buckbean did come from that bog in Shelburne where you found yours -

Sept. 12 - [illegible] morning afternoon till a gathering thunderstorm made it too dark to see. The storm soon burst upon us, not very severe, but it struck the pretty Episcopal Church about two miles from us, down in the village of Manhasset and burnt it to the ground.

The Widener gift to Harvard is highly valued in this house as wherever there is a Harvard graduate -

Yours with kind regards
Maria L. Owen

Manhasset, L.I. Oct. 23-1912-

Dear Mr. Deane,

I wish I knew what had become of my Tillaea article. Can you ask about it sometime when you are at the Herbarium? I sent it there directed to Dr Robinson in August (Aug. 23-); I knew he was not at home, but you said they would know what to do with it there, and that I had better not wait for his return. I have heard nothing about it from anybody. I did not send stamps for its return, because

(I hope that you and Mrs. Deane are well, and that Mrs. Deane's mother who was in failing health you told me, does not suffer and that she can still enjoy life.

Yours with kind regards

Maria L. Owen

as Dr. Robinson had seen the first draft, and made no objection to it, I thought it was as good as accepted, but if it is not to be used and can be found and they will send it back to me, they shall have the stamps by the return mail -

And now a bird - we are fond of them here and wish we knew them better. Some of the migrants stop a day or so with us just now - quite a large flock of bluebirds for one kind; we were very glad to see them - Yesterday my daughter was just about starting for a train to New York and glancing out of the window she saw some birds acting like humming birds. They were close to a large bed of Cosmos in full bloom, poising on their wings and then darting at the flowers just as humming birds do, but these were distinctly larger and brown or gray in color. My daughter couldn't spare a minute to watch them - she would have been in danger of losing her train. Can you give a guess about them? If you can we can perhaps verify it in our books.

Plandome, Mar. 21 1913

Dear Mr. Deane,

The card within shall carry my Easter greetings to you and Mrs. Deane, and I shall write you a few lines besides.

Can you tell me the first name of Mr. Olney, a Providence botanist? He died many years ago, but I told Mrs. Albertson (curator of the M. Mitchell house) a rather pretty story about him and I've kept it in mind for months, and

asked me to write what I knew if I could.
for our church & I am willing enough
to do. And what can I say of him?
Was he "eminent" or "well-known" or
"good" or what was he? I never saw
him but once.

I hear from Nantucket some-
times, — not as often as I used to,
for my old friends are dropping
away. Mrs. Starbuck died Feb. 22
at the age of 94, died of old
age. Never had a pain or an
ache, — took to her bed when too
weak to be up, and was glad to be

there; she slept much, was
happy when awake and finally
just stopped breathing. Oh it is a
great loss when a friend of a life-
time goes.

I had a pleasant letter
from Miss Batchelder today; she
told me of the rare grosbeaks
that had been seen in Manchester.

Hoping that this may find
you and Mrs. Deane well,

Your sincere friend
Maria L. Owen

Plandome, L.I. April 7 - 1913.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am much obliged for what you sent me about Mr. Olney; I found just what I wanted, and much more, but I guess it is your way to do more than is required of you so as to be sure of doing enough. I have a little incident about Mr. O. to tell in the Nantucket paper and when it gets into print I will send you a copy. I found from Dr. Gray's article that the gentleman was never married which I was very glad to know, because

I had had the impression or belief for sixty-four years that he had a wife but that they could not live together. Somebody must have told me so in 1849 when he went to Nantucket and I was invited to meet him at William Mitchell's.

There is an article of mine about the Henry Coffin Pines on the island in the last issue of the Inquirer & Mirror which I will send with this. Those are the trees with which the *Calluna* and the *Erica Tetralix* came in.

I, too, wish that I could see the Gray Hbm.

It is pleasant to hear of Judge Churchill as well and active; your letters seem to show that you are the same.

Yours with kind regards
Maria L. Owen

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The Nantucket
Inquirer & Mirror
May 10, 1913.

How a Kind Providence Favored a Botanist.

[Contributed.]

The gist of this story lies in its dates. I begin, then, by saying that in 1848 a great event for botanists occurred—Dr. Gray brought out his "Manual of the Botany of the Northern United States." Up to that time the only manual for the New England botanists was Dr. Bigelow's "Plants of Boston and its Vicinity," but a fuller work was much needed; many plants had been discovered within our limits in the thirty years since that work first appeared; the science, too, had advanced.

People bought the new manual, and besides using it to trace out the names of their "finds," they read it to see what to look for and where to seek desired plants, so Stephen T. Olney, of Providence, a most active local botanist, came across this: "Erythraea spicata; sandy shore, Nantucket." "What!" was doubtless his mental exclamation, "As rare as that? Only one locality in the whole country? Nantucket is not far off; I must run down there and look it up. And I can get the Obione, too, and the low Amaranth of the sea beach—both common enough on our southern coast, but rare north of New Jersey." So on the 8th day of the next August, 1849, he left his home and started for the island. Now the day before that a party of young people thought it would be nice to have a sail and a picnic and a good time generally, and they would not go to Tuckernuck, the usual place for such excursions, but to Coskaty. In these days they choose Wauwinet, but then that side of "the head of the harbor" was as unvisited as Muskeget—its very name still hidden away in old deeds from the Indians.

Well, a boat and a skipper having been secured, the party met on the wharf the next day, the 8th, and went aboard; this present writer had been invited to join the company, but for some reason, forgotten now, she could not do so. So at about the hour that Mr. Olney stepped forth from his house these gay young folks set sail from the wharf, and as they began their respective trips at the same time, so they ended them, and the end brought them together. Mr. Olney came down the boat's gangway just in time to meet the Coskaty party on their return, and what did they have in their hands but small bunches of that desired Erythraea, a plant entirely new to all of them. An exchange was made at once; the Nantucketers gave the little flower, the off-islander the name, which my cousin George Clapp got from Mr. Olney in writing and then brought straight to me with some of the specimens. Its name now is Centaurium spicatum, but the name was changed from Erythraea long after Mr. Olney's visit.

Now there are some things about this occurrence worth reflecting upon. I will venture to assert that not a person on the island at that time knew of this little thing. To this day, with botanists coming every summer and diligently searching our whole island, it has never been reported from any part of our long sea beach, fifty miles or over, except from that place and a few neighboring localities, and at that time if it had met the eyes of the fishermen and the few gunners who went up there, they would have paid no more attention to it than to a bit of kelp or a penny shell. Mr. Olney would never have thought to take a boat and go to that remote spot; he easily found his other two desired plants; he had only to go to Brant Point and then walk along the beach where they were not uncommon —unattractive, weedy looking growths, the flower of both green and hardly larger than a pin's head.

He might well have expected Erythraea at every step, but no—that was to reach him through the nicest adjustment of circumstances. A variation of one mintue at any stage of his journey or of the sail-boat's trip, a choice of another day on either side, a choice of a different picnicking ground—my reader can lengthen as well as I, this list of possibilities, any one of which would have sent our visitor home, a disappointed man.

All botanists have their tales of curious incidents leading them to rarities, but is there any one quite as remarkable as this? None that I ever heard of. What shall we say of them? Each will have his own answer; mine is that a Providence which watches over even the sparrow does not disdain these seemingly trifling affairs of ours, but kindly leads us to our desired end.

Maria L. Owen.

Nantucket July 2, 1914

My dear Miss Soule,

Mrs. Tallant has referred to me for some facts concerning Mrs. Owen's life at Nantucket, and asked me to send the answer to you.

In her girlhood she was a pupil at the private school of her uncle Cyrus Peirce and in 1838 when the High School was opened with him as Principal, Maria Tallant was one of the thirty-five pupils.

She taught in Boston in the George B. Emerson School and in the Perkins Inst. for the Blind. Later she had a private school in Nantucket, which she left in to become an assistant in the Nant. High School. I think she was there till July 1853

She was married Apr. 23, 1855 to Dr. V. L. Owen, and went at once to Springfield, Mass.

I regret that I have not been able to find the date of her appointment as teacher in the Nant. High School. I may find it later.

As one of Mrs. Owen's High School pupils, I can offer a grateful tribute to her unfailing patience and inspiration. In her later days it has been my privilege to spend many hours with her in search of her beloved wild-flowers of her old home.

Three weeks before her death I took her message to the Children's Garden Class here: "As we lay down our work I hope these young people will do all in their power to preserve the wild flowers and to make our dear island a clean and beautiful place."

Very truly yours,
Helen A. Gardner

Mrs. N. T. Allen
West Newton Mass.
may be able to give the exact dates of Mrs. O's teaching in Nant.

Mr. Deane –

Do not return
this copy.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I can find no information about Mrs Owen save the obituary in the Republican.

Mrs Owen was
1, Born Nantucket Mass
2. " 1826 (was 88 at death)
3. maiden name
Maria Louisa Tallant,

4. Early life unknown

Y——

Walter A Chapin

May 14.

over

Maria L. Dosher
widow of S. V. L. Dosher
died at Plandome L. I.
June 8 1913.

My dear Mr. Dean,

The only record of Mrs. Green's full name is a copy of the Census of 1830. There it is given

Maria Louise Tallach
Age 5 yrs.

I am glad to help in the sketch of the life of an inspiring teacher and dear friend.

Yours truly
(Miss) Helen A. Gardner
Aug. 1, 1914.

220 [illegible] St.
[illegible] N.Y.

My dear Mr. Trent -

I am glad to know that you are in correspondence with Mrs. Sullivan and I hope you will get such items from her as will help you in the writing of your life of our dead friend.

I leave here tomorrow morning for the Country

till breakfast, [illegible]
me [illegible] probably to
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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a day with you, which will
release the [illegible] to [illegible].
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will not be for long, and
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[illegible] we [illegible] [illegible] to

receive an answer & I hope it
will do — I am very glad you
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Camb. May 23/14

Dear Mr. Drane

I realize that what I wrote yesterday morning & enclosed here, is absurdly little worth while to help you out. But I have still a hope I may get "a line" from Amelia to whom I have recently written again. She may not have rec'd my last letter. I sometimes make strange errors in directing my correspondence, but I most generally use my imprinted envelops.

Mrs Henry P. Tallant is still living & is in ~~Baltimore~~ Philadelphia. I need write & ask her a few things - I'll do so today. I asked the Pa. Hort. Soc. to kindly send me a copy of that bulletin, wh. I rec'd a long time ago.

to all others. It was a school endowed by the Admiral, & is still "going" tho' thru inadequacy of means, it is reduced to a sort of semi-technical or "trade" school, in wh. children are educated for cabinet-makers, machinists, carpenters etc-

Again I assume (and cousin Bertha Hazard says she is pretty sure of it) that Mrs Owen is buried in Springfield beside her husband.

I need not add that most of the letters I have had from Cousin Maria, contain matters of interest only to the immediate family. Botanically they must scarcely help you, as she only recounted incidentally some local flora, along very simple lines.

But the letters I enclose may be of some slight use

Sincerely yrs

F. Schuyler Mathews,

& sent, or gave away to a near relative.

I do not add anything to what I suspect you already have, i.e. letters in re to botany in general & to Dr. Gray.

Other facts I know would scarcely be useful to you. Mrs Owen was a member of the Unitarian Soc. in Springfield, & I have often gone to Church with her there. I do not think she was married by Dr. Hall; as I have always understood she was married in Nantucket, presumably it was by the minister of the Unitarian Church there, on Orange St — the Church with which all our Coffin family was connected. incl. my Grandmother & my mother. But I am guessing at this.

Mrs Owen's Grandfather Coffin was own cousin to Admiral Sir Isaac Coffin, who founded the Nantucket "Coffin School" of which my Grandfather Wm Coffin was Principal at the time he died — Mrs Owen attended that School; so did my own mother (nearly 10 years her junior). The Coffin School was a strange sort of a high-school, devoted to the Classics, & incidentally free to all members of the Coffin family! but a private school

June 16/14

Dear Mr. Deane

I was so sorry not to have been able last Tues. to run over & say Good bye to you & Mrs Deane. please give her my regrets, and wishes for a healthful & pleasant summer. All last week I was in "a rush" and still I'm not out of it this week. My expectations to get "off" today were dashed some days ago. There's so much to do at the last. I still must trace carefully the leaves of a good 100 species before I can leave. My book includes 525 species, so you can easily imagine that beyond what there is in Campton & the Wh. Mts, plus my many sketches of things southern & western, there would be the 100 additional sketches which my book require-

need of it & return at your leisure. I am sorry it does not contain more of interest in Cousin M's early life - You see Mrs Tallant was much younger than my mother. Still, if cousin Mary writes as she says she will to Amelia, you can rely upon her for that; something will surely come from Amelia.
I got the cut from Springfield, & gave it to Dr. Robinson. I promised to return it to Springf. (Nat Hist & Art Museum) after it was used. Nothing more from Nantucket.
Today is cool, & very cloudy, wind N.E. "Class Day" & the whole family will be off at the Stadium & the Campus. I can't spare time. Yesterday I inked in a drawing for Rhodora (for Mr. Fernald). Don't remember the species. not familiar to me.
I get away Sat. if I can - Monday if I must. Carroll goes with me. & we are trusting to secure "help" in Campton. I can always have my mail there. All send love & regards. Cordially yrs. - Ferd. S. Mathews

Yesterday I danced attendance on a number from I am to nearly 11. There were a few things I needed to have looked into before I left the house

Then there is the never-ending, always perennial trouble about servants. I *will not* go & leave Mrs. M. with that problem unsolved. We have tried 3 *Barbados* barbarians, & they were *or-ped* the "limit". We are not so very particular either, but we do not propose to have a barbarian come in & drag us down to another plane of living! That's about the size of it. I never want to see another wooly image in the house — I'm disgusted with their airs & bracelets & pigtails! — AND false hair & gold eyeglass for "hours off". This one we have who goes off next Thurs, has been here 9 days *5 nights* of which she did not return home. So I or someone else in the house let her in at 6.30 a.m! What for, all these nights out heaven only knows, when *expert liars* explain reasons.

I get up regularly now at 5.30 or 6. a.m. ready for my multitudinous duties. My trunk is already partly packed, & I have sent word to my faithful handyman in Crumpton to expect me the end of this week or the Monday following. Of course after long "chases" & hunts, we have a promise of a "Celtic" (competent) next Thurs. One refused the position recently @ $7. a week — reason too far away!

I am rejoiced to be able to send you Cousin Mary Tallants' letter recently rec'd. Keep it until you get all you

Blair N.H. Jul. 6th/14

P.S. I'm at the drawings for my book. Sent 25 down to N.Y. Sat. I'm 100 more to do. & my maps also. These last reproduced excellently. 28 are done about 75 more to do. F.S.M.

Dear Mr. Deane

I have your kind postals. In reply to the second I must admit that I do not positively know the e is right. But my wife & I seem to think Louise is correct. I have dropped a card to Mrs Lalland to inquire. The reply will be forwarded to you, or to Dr. R. if your article has gone to him by the time of its arrival.

Yes, we have been soaked with rain ever since we came here. Carroll & I left Cambr. Thurs. a week & more ago! Mrs M. & the others came Sat. and it rained all along! However the country needed the water. Frank H. came up when Genevieve did & will stay a few days longer, then he will go to Nova Scotia to

small service has been of any value at all! I'm sure Cousin Maria would be pleased to know you undertook the task & successfully concluded it. I do not know what ails the Sullivans — it seems strange we have none of us had any response.

The Davis house is full of people & I suppose we will have a lively summer. Carroll seems improved already — his color is better. Dr. Williams again talked of "operation" when consulted just before we left town, but Dr. Twombly did not endorse his judgement. I did not approve the idea of course.

Birds galore! all about us. Phoebe has 5 eggs in a nest near my studio window. Catbird sings & imitates Whip-poor-will just opp. in the meadow. I have counted 20 species singing right around us, incl'g. the "Solitary vireo, & "Nashville". All send love & regards to you & Mrs Deane. I shall write later, as summer grows.

Ever Cordially Yours Ferd. Mathews

fill a summer position with Stone & Webster.

You will be interested to know that the Allens are just below us at Mrs. Davis's. Arthur is not only a great deal better (tho far from normal) but he has "done" Moosilauke. Saturday the young folks engaged a "local" automobile (L & G. Margaret Allen, Arthur. & Katherine Maynard) & all swung around to Warren (Moosilauke Inn) & from there ascended the Mt. via the Carriage road. Climbed the 5 miles in 3 hours (Arthur well in the lead!) Came down in the late p.m. & arr'd home at 9 p.m. A fine day ex-cellent view & all happy over the exploit!

That seems extraordinary for A.! Don't you think so! for some years he has been inactive, & has eaten so much that he had become abnormally fat. He previously cared only to lie in a hammock while up here. Now he walks from the Davises up here frequently.

All our cottages are now occupied - The one on the hill is taken by some N.Y. people. Scott & Van Winkle! So dutch meets Dutch - Schuyler & Van Winkle have hob-nobbed & discussed with mutual regret, the fact that the recent (2 yrs ago) fire in Albany destroyed nearly all of our Ancestor's records of lands, maps, deeds, etc. etc.

Howard Anson Phelps Stokes with an expert hand, offered his services & has found a large number of old records.

I'm glad you have been successful with your writing up of Mr. Travis career I am more than pleased, & my the time. She has a housefull now 20 people, & no adequate maids. One young girl & 2 young men to help! The domestic situation in Campton is deplorable. We cannot get any help. Yet Mr. Jos Elliot Prop. Pemigewasset Ho. says in the early season he gets girls @ $14 - a month - Reason why - "tips" That is demoralizing. I wish law could stop it. It could. It has done so for years in Italy relatively with Government officers etc.

We are all well. Frank is in N.S. (Sidney) Genevieve & he, last climbed Liberty near the Flume 4000 ft. I couldn't spare time to go. & the Dr. wouldn't have allowed me on a/c of the treacherous ankle. But I'm well. Yes. I'm working hard. Any "book" spells hard work! You know that. I'm up at 6. at work at 7. finish at 6. occasionally a bicycle ride. I have 65 out of my 125 pen-&-ink drawings done. Many maps already complete, but my 12 water-colors must yet be done.

P.S. Pardon my hasty scrawling I haven't time to read it over & correct it

Blair N.H. July 28th '14

Dear Mr. Drake

I meant to write to you yesterday, but in the press of work, I let it slip!

I have (Sunday) written to Dr. Robinson & told him to spell the name

Louisa

Funny! isn't it I was sure - pretty nearly sure it was "e" But at last came a letter Sat. night from Mrs Tallant who is now in Canaan N.Y. saying Cousin Ms name was anglicised from a French woman's name

Marie Louise

& that she always spelled it Louisa. So that is O.K. now - no thanks to Mrs. Sullivan. Cousin Mary Tallant said she would have respondeded sooner, but my letter crossed her from point to point. I sent it to Thea. She is very good & wants to help you all she can. She mentions Miss Soule may send you in St. & says that lady is in possession of as much information as herself. Well, I'm glad if you have been helped. My share is, indeed, little. I hope some time you will meet cousin Mary Tallant. She is a quiet but intellectual person — related to us only by marriage you know. But a really distinguished Nantucketer.

You ask about Arthur. All I can say is, the poor boy is perfectly happy here, & perfectly docile — That means all one can expect!

Of course psychologically, his case is a study — The brain is never completely upset, I think, in any abnormal individual. Arthur is abnormal, some corners of his brain are "arrested" at say a 15 year old point! In other respects his learning, and his intelligence remain possibly intact. It is very peculiar. See my sister's case — a case of prenatal arrested development, arrested in a not wholly imbecile individual. But she is as nearly the completely idiotic character as one could find. That is probably due to the entire destruction of the right lobe of the brain, or rather its atrophy. The direct result is a paralysis in part of the whole left side. Arthur's case is one of insanity ("dementia praecox") which physicians say is incurable. Still he is now where he ought to be, outside of that terrible system with its noisy demented inmates. Cousin Lucy Davis is greatly interested in him & his boys as her house was exactly next to the

I told Dr. R. the various botanists had led me "a dance" of it! But that was in the text. I have yet to battle with my miserable memory of *names*, & I lose no end of time *yet*, with synonymns. Occasionally, for example, my specimen, or sketch, or tracing is labled with the wrong name, & I have to make it a *7th Ed. one!* Still I am absorbed & interested in the work & my drawings are being *splendidly introduced*. I hope to get thru by Oct 1st or earlier. I wish you could see the wonderfully fine geological maps which have been lent to me as an assistance in mapping out character of soil. I shall put in 1 or 2 — maps showing *geological* conditions in US & one showing the *thermal* conditions there will help one to understand the principle of distribution. In several — many — of my drawings I have entered the initials of coll. of the spec. I used. Your own initials among them you see I'm taking liberties! But the credit is due the collector. On a sep. page I give the name in full. this includes some strangers to me but also E. F. Williams. W. Deane. M. L. F. Dr. B. Judge Churchill etc I find this is the best way to establish the authority of my leaf-tracings they are absolute.

We all send love to you & Mrs Deane, wish we could steal around & see you & the McMillans - But we cannot come.

Sorry political conditions are being created. Washington will learn from its "policy" next November. I agree absolutely with Mr. McMillan on that point. My friend from Orizaba Mex. was here in June at his sister's farm. You ought to have heard what he had to say! Whew!

Cordially yours

Ferd. S. Mathews

The Rev. Cyrus Pierce, was my mother's Aunt Harriet Pierce's husband. The Pierce "Lot" in Prospect Hill Cemty is next my grandfather Coffin's Lot - Nantucket.

You will be interested to learn that she taught in Geo. B. Emerson's School Boston. I think I have heard of that before, so Mrs Tallant is right. I know positively that Mrs Owen was in Waterville N.H. with her sister Caroline Tallant, in 1868 I was a very small boy then, but I remember her interest & work in botany at that time in that place. I remember my mother's interest in her "findings" & also the indifference of my own Aunt Mary Davis (mother's sister) who at _that_ time had "_no use_" for botany, but later developed a passion for "hunting down" the "_brown fern_"

I suspect the "persistence" Mrs Tallant speaks of was a characteristic _Coffin_ as well as _Hussey_ trait.

L.S.W.

of many of the large or celebrated trees in N. E. and when I wrote my book on the Subj. (it was intended for children or young people), she gave me an account of several remarkable or celebrated specimens. Mrs Owen was also, as you know, quite nearly related to Mr. Batchelder of Manchester thru descent from Hugh Tallant.

She wrote me that we were mutually tho more remotely related to him thru the Rev. Stephen Bachiler who came over from England sometime in the 16-30's. Mrs. Owen broke up her house in Springfield & sold it about 5 or 6 years ago. She had moved to Plandome with Amelia from Brooklyn early in 1911. I enclose the last letter & postal rec'd from Cousin Maria, also Amelia's letter notifying me of her mother's departure. I have written to Springfield & asked for the plate taken from her photograph. F. Schuyler Mathews.

Notes in reference to Mrs Maria L. Owen.

Date of birth I don't know, but it was in February 1822. ~~so she~~ was a little over 91

Father's name I'm not sure of, but think it was Henry Tallant

Mother's name was Nancy Coffin.

Mrs Owen was a direct descendant thru Henry Tallant of Hugh Tallant the early New England settler who came from Ireland. He is celebrated in one of Whittier's poems.

Nancy Coffin was my grandfather's (William Coffin) elder sister. She had died before I visited Nantucket as a boy in 1868. I don't know the date of her death or that of her husband.

Both are buried in the Prospect Hill Cemetery in Nant. next to the lot belonging to my Grandfather.

I first met Cousin Maria in 1868 when I was a little boy. But I still remember her as she looked then — small, a bit old-fashioned, precise, & perhaps old-maid-ish. At that time she was deeply interested in botany, (August 1868), and was staying for the Summer in Waterville N.H. not far from where my cottage now is, among the greater Southern White Mts. At that time I remember her showing me a number of specimens lately gathered among which was Cornus Canadensis, Tiarella Cordifolia etc. etc. all were, of course, Canadian in character.

Mrs Owen was related — thru the maternal branch of her grandfather Coffin to Benj Franklin, and Danl. Webster.

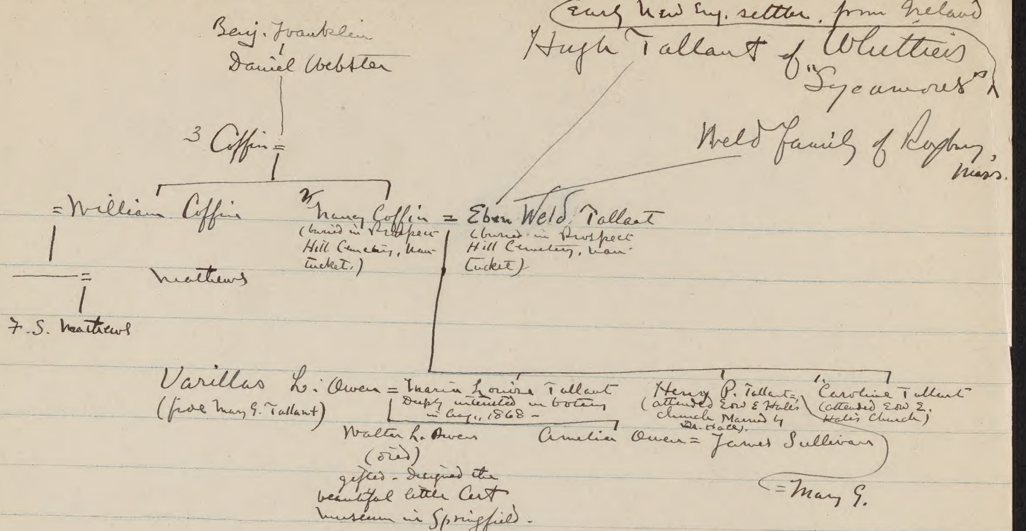
I know little about the history of her life in Springfield, or when she was married to Dr. Owen. I met Dr Owen only twice and that was about 17 years ago — not long before he died.

Mrs Owen had a gifted Son Walter (an architect) who designed the very beautiful little Art Museum in Springfield. He died not long after his father.

Mrs Owen had one younger brother Henry P. Tallant
one sister Caroline Tallant.

Both attended Dr. Edw. E. Hall's church, and the former was maried by Dr. Hall. The sister was for many years Secretary to Dr. Hall. (You will remember perhaps our Roxbury House was next door to Dr. Hales)

Mrs Owen was remarkably "up" in the fleshy fungi! I always, in visiting her in Springfield, had the good fortune to eat some of the mushrooms she collected, — if it was in the season! She seemed to know them all, and gave me a succinct and graphic description of the poisonous ones which I was to avoid. But I often told her, I should decline to eat any except those she gathered. She also knew


(Early New Eng. settler, from Ireland)
Hugh Tallant of Whittier's "Sycamores"
Weld family of Roxbury, Mass.
Benj. Franklin
Daniel Webster
3 Coffin =
= William Coffin
2 Nancy Coffin = Eben Weld Tallant
(buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Nantucket.)
(buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Nantucket)
=
Mathews
F. S. Mathews
Varillas L. Owen = Maria Louise Tallant
(bro of Mary G. Tallant)
Deeply interested in botany in Aug., 1868 -
Henry P. Tallant =
(attended Edw E. Hale's church Married by Dr. Hale).
"Caroline Tallant"
(attended Edw E. Hale's Church)
Walter L. Owen
(died)
gifted - designed the beautiful little Art museum in Springfield -
Amelia Owen = James Sullivan
= Mary G.

"Caroline Tallant
(for many years sec'y to Dr. Hale).

2. Nancy Coffin descended from Tristram Coffin and others of the early settlers of Nantucket.

3. Coffin 1st Pres. of the trustees of the Coffin School. Mrs. Owen began her schooling there and probably finished it at the school of her uncle Rev. Cyrus Peirce.